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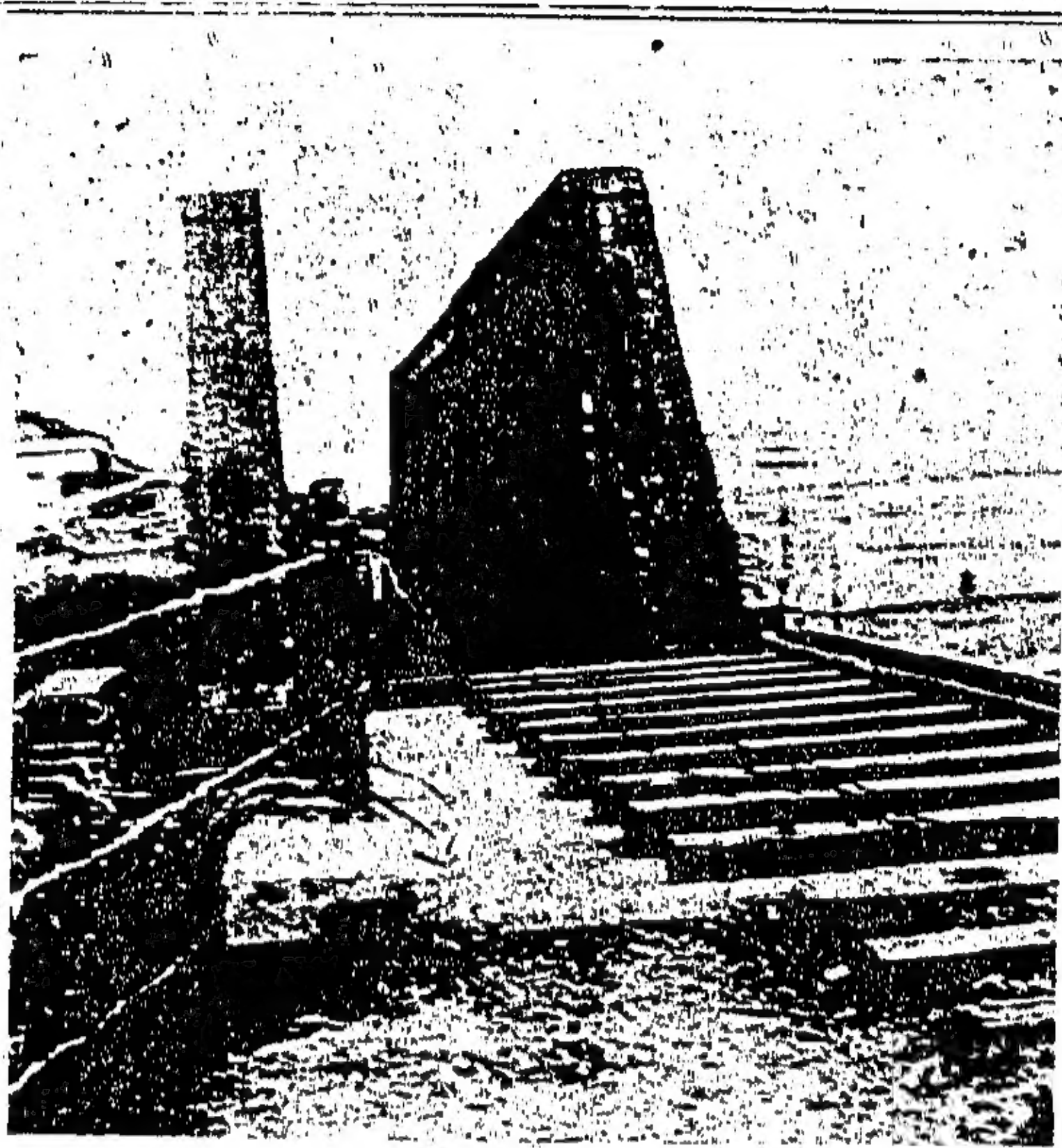
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VITAL LINK BETWEEN CANTON-KOWLOON RAILWAY EXTENSIVELY DAMAGED: TRACK



First picture to be published in Hongkong of the new eight-foot wide foot-bridge across the Shumchun River. It was opened yesterday in place of the old railway bridge. This bridge provides easy passage across the frontier into Chinese territory. It will be recalled that the former railway bridge was demolished when the Japanese took up their position on the other side of the river.—Daily Press.

LAD WASTE BY GUERILLA BANDS

Repairs Will Take Many Months At Huge Cost

BY A HONGKONG DAILY PRESS STAFF REPORTER

As the result of a ten-mile trek along the Canton-Kowloon Railway from Shumchun to Po-kut, I was able to gather from guerillas encountered on the way that the quarter-mile long Sheklung Bridge, vital link between the Canton and Kowloon sections of the Railway, has been so extensively damaged that it will take many thousands of pounds, and many months, before it could be satisfactorily repaired.

Sheklung Bridge is about 35 miles away from the furthest point reached by me but on my way thus far I met such a large number of guerillas that I was able to make extensive enquiries and am satisfied that my information is reliable.

The leader of one band of the British border for a long time to come, if ever.

OCCUPIED BY GUERILLAS

The whole country through which the line travels is now occupied by guerillas. I met hundreds and hundreds of them. Some in khaki-green uniforms, some in civilian clothing, but all armed with rifles or revolvers and equipped with bulging ammunition pouches full of ammunition.

They were grim, determined looking men, and eyed me with suspicion in spite of the fact that I was being escorted by two of their numbers. Every Chinese official whom I met had a body-guard of armed guerillas walking behind him.

I was told that there is a Japanese outpost near Sheklung Bridge and that there are no Japanese troops anywhere between that point and the Hongkong border. In fact there are no Japanese troops South of the Pearl River at this point and that the intervening country is entirely in Chinese hands.

IMPORTANT MEETING ON BORDER TODAY

An important meeting between Chinese Government officials from across the border, and local Government officials, will take place today to consider the question of facilitating the return of refugees to their homes in the border towns. It is reliably understood by the Hongkong Daily Press.

It is also learned that several other important questions will also come up for consideration and that the decisions reached have important bearings on the whole question of refugees in the Colony.



This picture of Mr. Chan Ka-chun, secretary to the newly appointed magistrate of Shumchun, was taken while he was being interviewed by our reporter yesterday. Mr. Chan was deputising for the magistrate, Mr. Hung Yu-sun, who was away on a circuit of inspection of the Po On district. With Mr. Chan are Chinese military and police officials.—Daily Press.

ECKFORD FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER: SHAI JURY RECOMMENDS MERCY

SHANGHAI, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—The trial of PRIVATE DAVID ECKFORD, of the Seaforth Highlanders, on a charge of the murder of Lance-Corporal James Davis, of the same Regiment, concluded in the British Supreme Court today when the accused was found guilty of murder with a recommendation to mercy.

At the resumption of the trial stood smartly to attention and received the Court's decision without flinching.

Throughout the entire trial his demeanour was most calm, although a slight nervousness was apparent a few minutes before the jury returned.

This was the first murder trial of a British subject in Shanghai since the case of the Indian Atma Singh three years ago.

FINAL ADDRESSES

When the jury returned to the Court from the blockhouse, the Crown Advocate, Mr. John McNeill, and Mr. Newman, counsel for the defence made their final addresses to the jury.

Counsel for the Crown endeavoured to make out that it was a deliberate murder while Mr. Newman spoke, about the benefit of the doubt on which, he said, the accused could be acquitted, or be found guilty on a manslaughter charge.

LONG DELIBERATION

The Judge passed sentence of death promising to forward the recommendation for mercy.

The jury deliberated for 2 hours and 41 minutes before reaching their verdict. Until the last moment the possibility of a verdict of manslaughter was not completely ruled out.

Eckford, in uniform and kit,

NAZI SUBMARINE CAUGHT IN A FISHING NET

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—A Danish fisherman caught a German submarine.

It is said that his net was caught by a heavy object and he pulled for some distance when the periscope of a German submarine appeared, entangled in the netting, until it broke.

The fishermen regretfully stated that this "fish" got away.

Thousand Lives Feared Lost: 70 Junks Burned In Sudden Attack By Japanese Destroyer Near Swabue

56 JUNKS BURNED ON JULY 21, 1939 OFF SWABUE

The following is an extract from the Hongkong Daily Press of July 21, 1939:—

News reached Hongkong on July 26 of the deliberate destruction by fire of an entire fleet of fishing junks off Swabue on July 21. Altogether, 56 vessels were burned. The consequent loss of life is placed at above 1,000, while the financial loss suffered is stated to be over \$500,000.

TURKEY QUAKE KILLED 25,000

ANKARA, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—The official estimate of the casualties of the recent earthquake and floods was given as 25,000 killed, 80,000 injured and 30,000 homes destroyed.

Struggling Fisherfolk In Water Machine-Gunned

SPECIAL TO THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS

The Japanese Navy has renewed its war on defenceless Chinese fishing craft. In an unexpected early morning attack on Tuesday, a large fleet of about 70 junks, including a number registered in Hongkong, were surrounded, while peacefully carrying on normal activities near Swabue, by a Japanese destroyer and trawlers, shell, burned and completely destroyed.

OVER 1,000 PERSONS MAKING UP THE CREWS OF THE JUNKS ARE FEARED DEAD, WHILE FINANCIAL LOSS IS ESTIMATED TO EXCEED \$1,000,000.

First intimation of the atrocity was brought to Hongkong yesterday by a handful of survivors. Their spokesman, 39-year-old Fung Ho-ying, master of Hongkong-registered junk No. 2238, related the story on his arrival to officials of the Hongkong Fishermen's Guild, who are it is understood, making a full report to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs.

The junks had been fishing for some days in the Kip Shek area, off Swabue. About 4 a.m. on Tuesday, according to the report, the junk people were surprised from their sleep by the arrival of a Japanese destroyer and a number of smaller vessels.

The destroyer opened fire on the Chinese craft which, though caught unawares, made vain attempts to escape. A few junks succeeded in

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SPECIAL SURVEY OF CONDITIONS IN SHUMCHUN: TOWN IS RAPIDLY RETURNING TO NORMAL: A NEW BRIDGE ON FRONTIER

BY A HONGKONG DAILY PRESS STAFF REPORTER

Conditions in Shumchun are rapidly returning to normal. The populace which evacuated the border town in such tragic circumstances following the ruthless bombing and subsequent occupation by the Japanese a few months ago, and sought sanctuary in this Colony, are now going back in fairly large numbers and the town is quickly assuming its former air of peace and prosperity.

An important stage in the border situation was marked yesterday when a new eight-foot wide foot bridge was opened across the frontier in place of the railway bridge which was demolished when the Japanese took up their positions across the river five months ago.

I spent the greater part of yesterday making a thorough survey of conditions in Shumchun and the first thing that impressed me, even before I got to the town proper, was the large number of returning refugees making free use of the new gateway across the border which until a few days ago could only be crossed by boat.

Passing the Chinese Maritime Customs, which is now entirely staffed by officials appointed by the Central Government in Chungking, I visited the former Casino. This is now a hospital run by Mr. Alfred Morris, former Director of Ambulance, St. John Ambulance Brigade, Hongkong, and staffed by former nurses of the same society. The hospital has 50 beds but will soon have 200 more.

Shumchun itself presents a pathetic picture. The ruins caused by Japanese bombs are still there as a reminder of the terrible time the unfortunate inhabitants had during the critical five months past. The streets are almost deserted except for a few that have returned.

The town is in the hands of guerillas under the command of a magistrate and apart from preserving the peace, and preventing looting, etc., they are doing everything possible to encourage former inhabitants to return.

I called on the magistrate, Mr. Hung Yu-sun, but unfortunately found him out. He was on a tour of the whole Po On district studying conditions. He is a new official from Sekiang and only took up duties a few days ago.

I was able, however, to get an interview with his secretary Mr. Chan Ka-chun, who was deputising for him as magistrate. Mr. Chan is a former official of the Hongkong Daily Press, Marina House.

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ENEMY AIRCRAFT NEAR NEWCASTLE

LONDON, Jan. 11 (BWS).—The Air Ministry announced at 12.30: "Enemy aircraft crossed the coast near Newcastle shortly after 10 a.m. today. No bombs were dropped. Fighter patrols were sent up and anti-aircraft guns opened fire. The enemy aircraft were driven out to sea. One house was slightly damaged by anti-aircraft shell splinters."

SERVICES HONOURS AND PROMOTIONS

A full list of the Naval New Year Honours, the Half Yearly Promotions announced by the Admiralty on December 31, 1939 and the Temporary R.A.F. Promotions announced by the Air Ministry on January 1, 1940 has been received by air mail from London and is posted for the convenience of those interested on the bulletin board at the Town Office of the Hongkong Daily Press, Marina House.

U.S. Fleet Expansion Worrying Japan

TOKYO, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—The Navy Ministry spokesman declared that Japan feels "grave concern" regarding the proposed 25 per cent increase in the United States Fleet.

He added: "The United States apparently means to maintain a superior ratio over the Japanese Navy."

Referring to the American proposals to fortify Guam, the spokesman, recalling that Congress previously rejected the proposal, said it was certainly unpropitious to take up the matter again.

The newspaper, Yomiuri, says that Japan decided to open the Yangtze up to Nanking and the United States replied by announcing a plan to construct 52,000-ton capital ships.

BUDAPEST, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—Commenting on the Venice talks Pester Lloyd says: "Italy and Hungary are bound together for good, as well as for bad fortune, and the world knows that Italy backs Hungary with all her military power."

ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS CAMPAIGN IS AN EFFORT THAT IS WORTHWHILE

In the World of Sports

EXCELLENT SCORES AT H.K.R.A. MID-WEEK SHOOT AUGUR WELL FOR BISLEY MEET

Sixty-five members took part in the spoon shoot on Wednesday, and, in spite of a somewhat troublesome cross-wind, some good scores were made.

In the S.R. (b) class out of 25 competitors, 23 scored 80 and over, while 14 obtained 90 or more. In the S.R. (a) class, 19 out of 25 scored over 70. These results show a very considerable improvement, especially among the new members, which is very gratifying.

This augurs well for keen competition in the forthcoming Bisley Prize meeting, which takes place from March 27—April 1.

NETT SPOONS

Nett spoons were won by C.S.M. F. Maslen, R.E., firing a S.R. (a) rifle with a brilliant 92, and by P.S.M. V. Cooper, 1/Mx., who just missed his century by one point, but secured a possible at 500 yards.

Handicap spoons were won by Cpl. Naranjan Singh, H.K.P., Cpl. J. C. Remedios, H.K.V.D.C., Sgt. G. E. Bressie, R.M., and A.S.P. D. Loh, H.K.P.R.

REVOLVER FIRING

Keen shooting took place in the revolver competition at 10 and 15 yards. Mr. W. H. Tansley ex H.K.P.R. securing the Nett spoon with 49 out of 60.

Next highest scores were S.I. A. C. Chan, H.K.P.R. 46; Lieut. G. C. Dawson, 1/Mx. 45; L.S. K. C. Hoo, H.K.P.R. 45.

WEDNESDAY SHOOT

On Wednesday, Jan. 17, firing will be at 500, 700 and 800 yards for S.R. (b) on "A" Range, Kowloon City, and 200, 500 and 600 yards for S.R. (a) on "B" Range, commencing at 1.45 p.m. There will also be revolver shooting.

LEADING SCORES

The leading scores on Wednesday were as follows:—

S.R. (b)
H's 300 500 600 Total

P.S.M. V. W.
Cooper: 32 35 32 99

Sgt. F. E.
Russell: 31 34 32 97

Mr. J. A. Guard: 1 33 31 32 96

L. Cpl. S. G.
Brighty: 1 30 34 31 95

Sgt. G. E. Bressie: 2 33 32 30 95

S.Q.M.S. J. Ball: nil 32 32 34

Sgt. R. J. Heap: 31 32 31 94

Cpl. F. Cole: 2 31 32 30 93

Lt. A. J. Le
Seelaur: 32 32 28 92

A.S.P. D. Loh: 3 31 30 30 91

Mr. W. Trenouth: 1 30 33 30 91

B/M. W. Kifford: 32 31 28 91

Lt. G. Dawson: 1 28 33 29 90

S.I. A. C. Chan: 2 30 32 28 90

P.S. Chanchal
Singh: 3 30 32 27 89

F/Sgt. F.
Tollison: 3 27 30 31 88

Capt. F. Sale: 3 30 28 30 88

Mr. A. F. Evans: 3 28 31 29 88

C/Sgt. P. Hale: 30 30 28 88

Capt. F. P.
Sequeira: 29 30 28 87

Mr. H. G.
Foreman: 2 28 32 26 84

Sgt. K. C. Hoo: 3 27 32 25 84

L.A.C. L. E.
Runt: 4 26 28 23 80

Mr. E. V.
Mitchell: 9 26 28 18 72

Sgt. C. Wong: nil 22 23 23 73

S.R. (a)
C.S.M. E. Maslen: 3 30 33 29 82

Cpl. R. Langford: 27 30 30 87

L.S. N. L. Pan: 7 26 30 28 84

Sgt. T. Baker: 26 30 27 83

Mrs. S. Croft: 25 30 27 82

L/Sgt. W. R. Nunn: 4 29 27 23 82

Mrs. Jas.
Fletcher: 8 29 27 26 82

Cpl. Naranjan

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1940.

17th, 19th, 20th, 21st and 24th February.

Entries for the above will close at 3.00 p.m. on SATURDAY, 13TH JANUARY, 1940, at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building.

By Order of the Stewards,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 7th Jan., 1940.

A SURPRISE SELECTION IN COLONY SOCCER XI

The uncertainty concerning the Interport football match against Shanghai vanishes on Monday with the selection of the Colony team which, for the first time, will visit the North without a single Chinese member. This will undoubtedly rob the match of its drawing power, as the Chinese are great favourites there.

The non-participation of Chinese players in this year's Interport match has drawn criticism from the Shanghai papers as to the advisability of inviting a Hongkong team composed mainly of non-Chinese civilians, for, in their opinion, the trip would be a failure from the financial point of view.

But these papers seem to have overlooked the fact that the Interport series were not inaugurated for the purpose of augmenting the funds of the two Associations concerned, but to foster the spirit of co-operation and, generally, to improve the game of football to the benefit of all those who follow this great winter game.

For this reason, local soccer fans, I am sure, will join with me in congratulating the Shanghai F.A. on their fine spirit.

In view of the many difficulties that have confronted the H.K.F.A. it would be unfair to criticize the local selections, though, I must say, I am surprised at seeing Honniball being given the left-wing berth.

A record that is without precedent will be the appearance of A. V. Gosano in his 11th Interport against Shanghai.

As there is ample time before the team sails for Shanghai on Feb. 4, the local authorities will no doubt take the opportunity of allowing the players "to get acquainted" in arranging practice games for them.

A good test would be to pit the Interport eleven against a combined Chinese team "in a Charity game."

HOCKEY WIN FOR RAJPUTANAS

The Rajputana Rifles beat Radio and Postal Sports Club by six goals to nil in a friendly hockey match played at Caroline Hill yesterday.

The winners fielded a full team, but Radio were without Souza, Guest, Carter and Pinto. The score at half-time was 1-0. Lt. Indarjit Singh, one, and Tak-Lt. Sawal Khan scored four goals, hat Singh, one.

THE TEAMS

RAJPUTANA RIFLES: Diwan Ali; Datta Ram, Lal Hussain; Bheran Singh, Lt. Pritham Nath and Sher Khan; Shah Wali, Lt. Indarjit Singh, Lt. Sawal Khan, Lt. Mukhtar Singh and Takhat Singh.

RADIO AND POSTAL SPORTS CLUB: Jim; D. Leonard, J. S. Grewal; Jagjeet Singh, M. E. Hussain and Gurdaraj Singh; J. Gascon, Karmindar Singh, Awtar Singh, Gurbachan Singh, and Lo So.

CRAIGENGOWER C.C. TEAM FOR SATURDAY

The following have been selected to represent the Club in a 2nd Division League match against the Army tomorrow commencing at 2 p.m. sharp, on the Army ground, Sookumpoo.

B.R. Iranee (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, A.H. Esmail, A.E. Hamson, A. Hung, C.W. Lam, J.W. Leonard, T. Lock, A.M. Omar, W.K. Way, J.L. Youngs.

Scorer—W. Broadbridge; Umpire—E. Zimmern.

6.—"The Shatin Handicap," 2nd Section: A flat race of 5 furlongs for China ponies classified on December 31 as "E" class. Ponies that have ever started in a steeplechase or hurdle race (excepting winners thereof) barred. Novice Jockeys allowed 8 lbs. Winner \$250; 2nd \$125; 3rd \$75. Entry Fee \$5.

Black Diamond 152 lbs., Baisdon 158 lbs., Dow-Jones 161 lbs., King's Envoy 148 lbs., National Dignity 159 lbs., Old Fashioned 140 lbs., The Spirit of St. Louis 148 lbs.

7 Classified



Spectators at the Fanling Hunt held on January 1, 1940, at Fanling Lodge.

H.K.C.C. TEAMS FOR TOMORROW

The following teams will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club tomorrow at 2 p.m.:

1st XI v. K.C.C. (F) at H.K.C.C.

H. Owen Hughes (Capt.), D. de S. Carey, D. G. Day, A. T. Dow, A. H. Fennie, T. V. N. Fortesque, M. F. L. Haymes, L. D. Kilbee, A. K. Mackenzie, J. L. C. Pearce, J. E. Richardson.

2nd XI v. I.R.C. (F) at Sookumpoo

E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), H. J. Armstrong, C. W. E. Bishop, N. D. Becker, G. P. Charlton, G. E. R. Divett, D. O. Parsons, R. S. W. Paterson, J. E. Potter, D. S. Robb, W. Stoker.

SPORTING FIXTURES

BADMINTON LEAGUE—Mixed Doubles, University v. Recreation; Taikee v. K.C.C.

as they like but members can take part in only one.

Prizes:—D.R.C. spoon to each member of winning team.

(3) Revolver spoon shoot at 10 and 15 yards.

*Members of Clubs unable to form a team may combine.

ENTRIES & WEIGHTS FOR FANLING HUNT CLUB'S RACE MEET ON JAN. 21

SPECIAL SWEEP AND BIG BET DEPARTMENT

THE JANUARY MEETING of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club will be held at Kwantai on Jan. 21, starting at 2.45 p.m.

SPECIAL SWEEP

In connection with "The Hunters' Cup," a special \$1 Sweep will be run, the tickets for which are obtainable at the Secretaries' Office, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, 3rd floor, or at the Cash Sweep Department, 17, Connaught Road C.

Owing to the large crowd at the last meeting, a special big bet department will be inaugurated at this meeting.

ENTRIES AND WEIGHTS

The following are the entries and weights:

1.—2.45 p.m. "The San Wai Steeplechase": 1½ miles. A handicap for China ponies. Winners of a steeplechase this season barred. Winner \$150; 2nd \$75; 3rd \$50. Entry Fee \$3.

Clover 168 lbs., Diogenes 167 lbs., Three Partings 145 lbs., Widnes 145 lbs.

4 Entries.

2.—"The Lo Wu Hurdle Race": 14 miles for China ponies. Ponies that have ever won a steeplechase and ponies classified A, B or C barred. Catchweight 168 lbs.

Winner \$150; 2nd \$75; 3rd \$50.

19 Entries. Fee \$3.

FIVE LEAGUE FOOTBALL PLAYERS SUSPENDED TO THE END OF THIS YEAR

FIVE LEAGUE FOOTBALL PLAYERS WERE SUSPENDED TO THE END OF THIS YEAR when the Emergency Committee of the Hongkong Football Association met yesterday evening to deal with the players who were ordered off the field in various matches during last week-end.

Lee Shek-yau, of South China, (Royal Scots) who was ordered off the field in the 1st Division match against South China "B" and McKay (Royal Scots) who was given marching orders in the 2nd Division match against the Police, which was abandoned after 50 minutes of play, will be dealt with by the Emergency Committee at a meeting to be held on Monday, Jan. 15.

The following players were suspended until the end of 1940: Gilchrist (Hongkong Football Club) for striking an opponent in the 2nd Division "A" League match against Kit Chee; Bond (Hongkong F.C.) for fighting after the Club v. Kit Chee match.

Delgado (International) for striking an opponent in the 3rd Division League match against S. China; Chan Siu-chin (S. China) for striking an opponent in the 3rd Division League match against International.

Chan Chik-kai (S. China) for deliberately kicking an opponent in the 3rd Division League match against International.

The cases concerning Flemming E. Zimmern.

11 ENTRIES FOR CHESS TITLE

Two late entries have been received for the Colony Chess Championship bringing the number of the contestants up to 11. The first round of the Tournament will be played on Thursday, January 18.

Contestants will be K. M. A. Barnett, A. Briukoff, L. Blair, D. E. de Carvalho, V. V. Kolatchoff, A. Kurrik, B. S. Lavin, Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, O. Praslav, K. Weiss and E. Zimmern.



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"THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES"
Richard Greene—Basil Rathbone—Lionel Atwill
A 20th Century-Fox Picture

CHALLENGE TO REPUTED NAZI AIR SUPERIORITY BY ALLIES

WASHINGTON, Jan. (Reuter).—The Allies purchasing agents in the United States are rapidly negotiating orders for warplanes for 1940 and 1941 and the result is expected to be a flow of planes, particularly bombers, across the Atlantic more than offsetting Germany's reputed air superiority.

10,000 NEEDED

In connection with these reports, the Allies' agents told United States aviation circles that a least 10,000 more machines will be needed from the United States within eighteen months.

While officials are reticent, it is understood that aviation circles consider the figure of 10,000 reasonably accurate.

PRESENT ORDERS

Britain and France at present have 2,010 combat planes on order and, before the end of 1940, orders

are expected to be completed for another 3,300, which is about the limit of United States factory capacity, but by the beginning of 1941, United States factories will be able to supply the Allies with about 1,000 planes monthly.

PREMIER ABE MAKES DESPERATE EFFORTS

SHANGHAI, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—The China Press, in a leading article, says that the most interesting political brain-teaser from Japan today is whether Premier Abe's desperate efforts to set up a Central regime in China will finally save his tottering Cabinet.

The newspaper adds: "It is clear that programmes for organising such a regime are being used by Premier Abe purely as political weapons to ward off those attacks which threaten to overthrow his Cabinet and that they were cooked up without the powerful support of the Japanese military, or the British and powerful section of it. Briefly, the Japanese ally in China."



JEAN ARTHUR AND CARY GRANT are co-starred together for the first time in the new Howard Hawks production, "Only Angels Have Wings" which comes to the screen of the King's Theatre on tomorrow. They appear against the romantic background of tropical South America. Also featured in the Columbia picture, a story of reckless adventure in the skies, are Richard Barthelmess, Rita Hayworth and Thomas Mitchell.

Radio Programmes

HONGKONG

Z On Wavelengths of 355 metres (845 k.c.) 51.45
S metres (845 k.c.) 51.45
W metres (845 k.c.) 51.45

TWO-PART SONG RECITAL FROM THE STUDIO

Talk on East Asia

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Victor Silvester & His Band.

Quickstep—A Sailboat in the Moonlight; Waltz—Moonlight Valley (film "Secret Service"). Quickstep—Apple Blossom Time; Slow Fox-Trot—A Lady Is Over the Moon (film "The Last Object"). Quickstep—Angels Never Leave Heaven. Quickstep—Could Be; Slow Fox-Trot—Kinda Lonesome (film "St. Louis Blues"). Waltz—St. Bernard Waltz; The Valed.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Val Rosing (Vocal) and The London Piano-Accordion Band.

Wine Song (film "Caravan"); Happy, Em Happy (film "Caravan"); The London Piano-Accordion Band with Vocal Refrain. Quickstep—Tyrol—A Little Lock, A Little Key (Woods); A Penny In My Pocket (film "Millions in the Air")—Val Rosing (Vocal) with Orchestra. Remembrance (Allen and Others); Where The Mountains Meet The Sea (Butler and Tiley)—The London Piano-Accordion Band with Vocal Refrain. Quickstep—Tyrol—A Little Lock, A Little Key (Woods); A Penny In My Pocket (film "Millions in the Air")—Val Rosing (Vocal) with Orchestra. Remembrance (Allen and Others); Where The Mountains Meet The Sea (Butler and Tiley)—The London Piano-Accordion Band with Vocal Refrain.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Pirates of Penzance."

Overture—Light Opera—Orchestra.

Four, O Four, The Pirate Sherry—Stuart Robertson and Male Chorus.

When Fredric Was A Little Lad—Dorothy Gill. Oh, Better Far To Live and Die—Peter Dawson and Male Chorus. O, False One, You Have Deceived Me—Dorothy Gill and Derek Oldham. "The Mabel Poor Wand'ring One"—Elsie Griffin and Chorus of Girls. What Ought We To Do, Gentle Sisters, Say—Nellie Brercliffe and Nellie Walker. How Beautifully Blue The Sky—Elsie Griffin, Derek Oldham and Chorus of Girls. I Am The Very Model of a Modern Man General—George Baker and Chorus.

2.15 Close down.

2.00 An hour with Brahms.

Variations On A Theme By Haydn ("St. Antoni Chorale"), Op. 56A—Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra of New York cond. by Arturo Toscanini.

Erinnerung, Op. 63, No. 2; Von Zwigler Liebe, Op. 43, No. 1—Alexander Kipnis (Cass) with Gerald Moore at the Piano. Sonata, In F Minor, Op. 120, No. 1—Lionel Tertis (Viola) and Harriet Cohen (Piano). Brahms' Waltzes—Symphony Orchestra conducted by Walter Goehr.

7.00 Closing; Local Stock Quotations.

7.02 Selections from "Home and Beauty," "Ball At The Savoy," "Careless Rapture" and "The Town Talks."

"Home and Beauty"—Selection—Adelphi Theatre Orchestra. "Ball At The Savoy"—Vocal Gems (Hammerstein and Abraham)—Light Opera Company with Orchestra. "Careless Rapture"—Selection (Novello-Hassell)—Gerald and His Orchestra. "The Town Talks"—Selection (Ellis)—Vaudeville Theatre Orchestra with Donald Stewart.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.05 Music of Puccini.

A Tricentenary—Sir Hamilton Harty conducting the Halle Orchestra. Solo Trumpet, Alex. Harris. Organist: Harold Dawber. The Paddy Queen—Three Dances—(a) Harpiche;

(b) Rondeau; (c) Jig—The Jacques String Orchestra cond. by Reginald Jacques.

8.12 Studio—Recital by Viola Morris and Victoria Anderson, England's Famous Two-Part Singers.

Duets: (a) It was a Lover and His Lass (Thomas Morley); (b) April is in my Mistress' Face (Thomas Morley)—unaccompanied. (c) When Spring with its Joy (Mozart); (d) Nymphs and Shepherds (Purcell). Solos by Victoria Anderson (Contralto); (a) In Questa Tomba (Beethoven); (b) Over the Mountains—Air from "Music's Recreation" 1852 (arr. Roger Quilter). Solos by Viola Morris (Soprano); (a) My Lovely Celia (Monroe); (b) The Cuckoo—English Folk Song (arr. Cecil Sharp). Duets: (a) The Kerry Dance (arr. Alec Rowley); (b) Afton Water (arr. Moffatt)—unaccompanied. (c) Le coeur de ma mie (Jacques Dalcroze); (d) O Whistle and I'll come to you my lad (arr. Maurice Jacobson).

8.45 Orchestral Selections.

Meg Merriles (arr. Diack)—Scottish Country Dance Orchestra cond. by Michael Diack. "London Again" Suite (Eric Coates)—The London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Richard Cream. Two Symphonic Rhapsodies (Eric Coates)—I. I pitch my lonely Caravan; 2. Bird songs at eventide I heard you singing—New Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by Joseph Evans.

9.05 Studio—Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—"World Affairs."

9.45 J. H. Squire Celeste Octet.

My Sweetheart When A Boy (Moran-arr. Wiloughby); 5 per Threads Among The Gold (Edwards-arr. Wiloughby). Memories Of Devon Valse (Evans).

9.55 Walton—Facade Suite No. 2. London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by William Walton.

10.00 Studio—"The Beauty of England"—4; East Anglia.

The fourth of a series of talks by the Very Rev. The Dean of Hongkong.

10.25 Light Orchestral and Vocal Variety.

When I Think Of You (Lockton & Tate); This Lovely Rose (Sievier and Hamsey). The Hon. W. Brownlow (Barlona) with Orchestra. Round the Roundabout (Maxwell Foster); Snow Man (Archer)—New Mayfair Novelty Orchestra Vocalists; George Baker and Charles Fitz Gerald. A Song Of Thanksgiving (Allison); Sweet and Low (Barnby, arr. Forwood)—Elsie Ackland (Contralto) with Piano and Organ. Offenbach Can-Can; Strauss Folkies—Light Symphony Orchestra. I Know Of Two Bright Eyes (Chutsum); Elly Mavourneen (from "The Lily of Killarney"—Benedict)—Eddie Nash (Tenor) with Gerald Moore at the Piano. Drury Lane Memories: "Desert Song"—Riff Song; One Alone; Desert Song. "New Moon"—Softly as in a Morning Sun; "Lover Come Back to Me." Snow Boat—Cl Man River. Rose Marie—Indian Love Call. "Three Musketeers" Ma Belle; March of the Musketeers—Royal Cinema Orchestra cond. by Emmanuel Starkey.

11.00 Close down.

SHORT WAVE

DAVENTRY

Call	Wavelength
G.S.G.	17.75m. (16.88m.)
G.S.G.	15.15m. (19.58m.)
G.S.H.	31.75m. (31.7m.)
G.S.O.	15.15m. (19.79m.)

NEWS IN ENGLISH

Transmission I—News Summary 4.00 p.m.

Full Bulletin 5.00 p.m.

Frank II & III—News Summary 6.45 p.m.

Full Bulletin 7.30 p.m.

do 8.15 p.m.

do 12.00 mid-night

Transmission V—News Summary 7.30 a.m.

Full Bulletin 8.30 a.m.

COMING EVENTS

PAN.

12—Tides: High 12.10 p.m. and 10.45 p.m. Low 5.15 a.m. and 4.20 a.m.

Sunrise: 7.08 a.m.; Sunset: 5.53 p.m.

Old Cheltonians Dinner, 8.15 p.m.

St. David's Society, Annual Meeting, Supreme Court Building, 8.30 p.m.

Cheero Club, Darts, Ping-Pong and Billiards.

St. John's Cathedral Hall—Lecture on "First Aid" to Volunteer Nursing Department, 8.30 p.m.

St. Andrew's Church Hall, Whist Drive, 8.45 p.m.

Ladies Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

Christian Fellowship, Helena May Inst., 10.30 a.m.

Universal Week, St. John's Cathedral, 5.30 p.m.

H.K. Cricket League, Emergency Mtg., H.K.C.C. Pavilion, 5.30 p.m.

13—Tides: High 12.42 p.m. and 11.10 p.m. Low 4.47 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Sunrise: 7.08 a.m.; Sunset: 5.53 p.m.

H.K.R.A. Shoot.

Entries Close for H.K. Jockey Clubs Annual Race Meeting, 3 p.m.

Rueby at Victoria Combined Services v. Club and Police, 4 p.m.

La Salle College O.B.A. Dinner Dance, Hotel Cecil, 8 p.m.

Wedding at Luk Kwok Hotel—Tsang-Chan.

Cottage Club Paper Hunt, 3.30 p.m.

14—Tides: High 1.15 p.m. and 11.30 p.m. Low 4.22 a.m. and 5.40 p.m.

Sunrise: 7.08 a.m.; Sunset: 5.53 p.m.

Semi-final of G. M. Young Golf Cup due for completion.

Macao Race.

Ladies Colony Tennis Championships: Doubles Semi-finals U.S.R.C. Courts, 3 p.m.

Joint Meeting of Executives and Supervisors of National Red Cross Society of China.

Football League.

Painting Hunt Meet at Kitten Hill, 2.45 p.m.

15—Tides: High 1.43 p.m.; Low 4.54 a.m. and 6.23 p.m.

Sunrise: 7.07 a.m.; Sunset: 5.53 p.m.

Joint Meeting of Executives and Supervisors of National Red Cross Society of China.

18—St. Andrew's Club Whist Drive (open to public).

Painting Hunt and Race Club Annual Meeting, Jockey, Matheson and Co. Cinema, 5.30 p.m.

R.R.C.A. Christmas Gm. Mtg., Wellington Barracks, 8 p.m.

St. Andrew's Mothers' Union, Annual Mtg.

17—H.K.R.A. Shoot.

18—Theosophical Society, 8 p.m.—Speaker: Mr. J. L. Hadaway "The Opportunity in Theosophy."

19—Central British Assn. Dance, Crown Land Sales, D.O. South, 11 a.m.

20—H.K.R.A. Shoot.

R.E.O.G.A. Super Dance, C.B.A. and C.B.S. Reunion Cabaret Super Dance, H.K. Hotel, 9 p.m.

Colony Ladies Tenn's Championship Singles Final, U.S.R.C., 3 p.m.

21—Painting Hunt and Race Club, Kwantai Race.

First Round of H.K. Golf Club Junior Championship due for completion.

22—First H.K.V.D.C. Camp Starts at Fanling.

St. Andrew's Club, Hotch-Potch Evening.

24—H.K.R.A. Shoot.

C.B.A. "Hot" Russian Dinner, 8.30 p.m.

Claims against H.K. Meat & Daily Produce Co. (Liquidation) due.

25—Theosophical Society, 8 p.m.—Speaker: Mr. J. L. Hadaway "Theosophy within Christianity and all Great Religions."

Burns' Night Dinner, Peninsula Hotel, 7.45 p.m.

27—Third Round of Stubbs Shield Golf Competition due to be completed.

H.K.R.A. Shoot.

Lai Wah Cup Football (Army v. Navy), Caroline Hill.

28—H.K. Riding School Gymkhana, 10 a.m.

H.K.R.A. Shoot.

Lai Wah Cup Football (Army v. Navy), Causeway Bay.

30—Second H.K.V.D.C. Camp Starts at Fanling.

31—H.K.R.A. Shoot.

Entries close for Trinity College of Music Practical Examination.

BRITISH CONTRABAND CONTROL

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that for the week ending Jan. 6, the system whereby advance copies of cargo manifests are received and considered before a ship's arrival, resulted in 43 cases being dealt with by the Contraband Committee and in 39 cases the ships concerned were released, subject to a formal checking of the original manifests on arrival at the control bases.

SHORT TALKS FROM B.B.C.

(All Hongkong Time)

Monday—Background to the News 11.00 p.m.

Tuesday—Background to the News 8.15 a.m.

In England Now 11.00 p.m.

Cards on the Table 8.30 p.m.

Wednesday—In England Now 8.15 a.m.

Cards on the Table 8.30 p.m.

Matters of Moment 11.00 p.m.

Thursday—Matters of Moment 8.15 a.m.

Background to the News 11.00 p.m.

Friday—In England Now 8.15 a.m.

Saturday—In England Now 8.15 a.m.

London Log 8.30 p.m.

London Log 11.15 p.m.

Shanghai-London Log 8.45 a.m.

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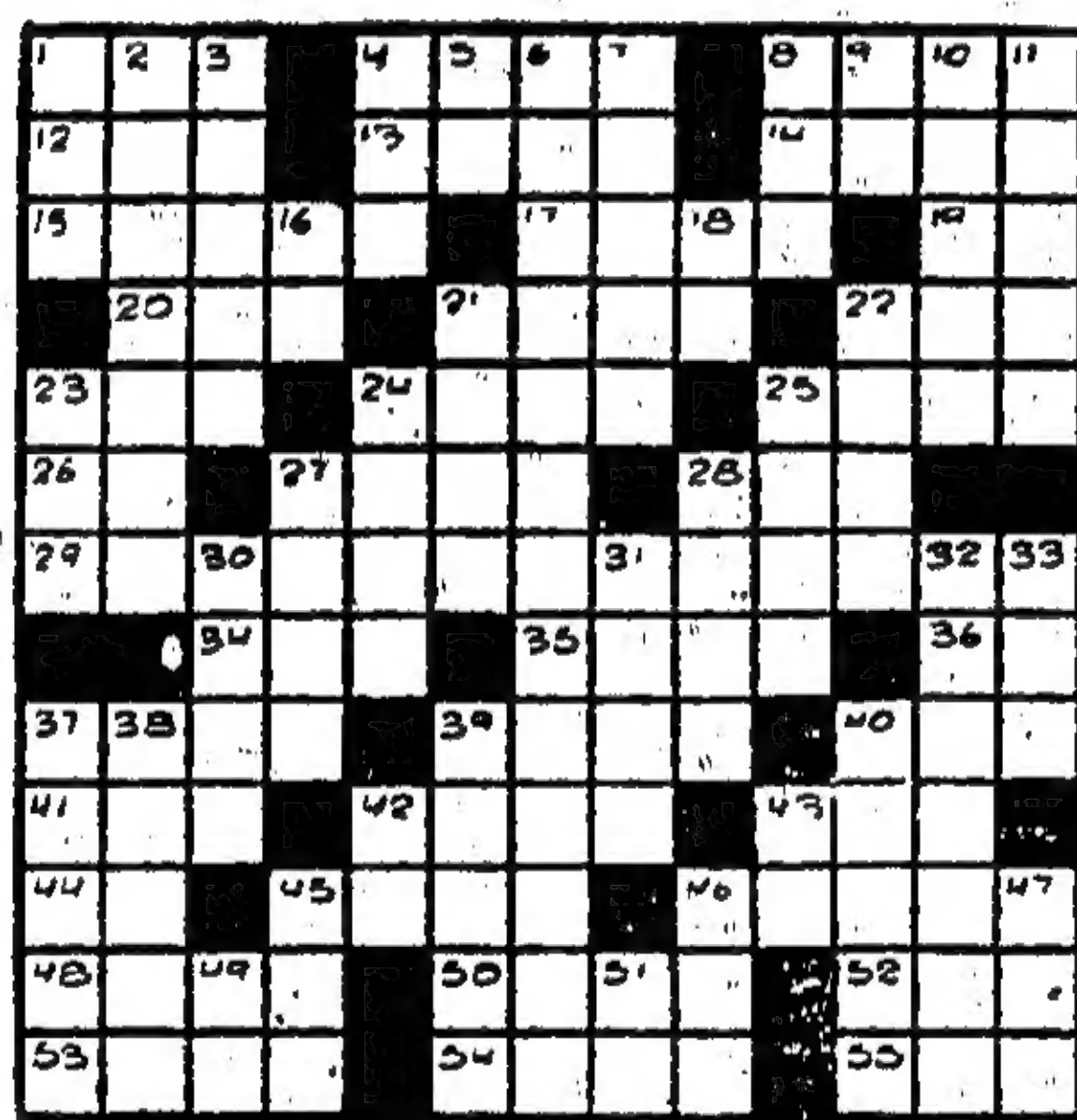
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Hong Kong.**BRITISH SHIP WHICH
ESCAPED AIR BOMBING
IN SPANISH
WAR SUNK
BY NAZIS****BRITAIN'S ENVOY
IN MOSCOW BACK
IN ENGLAND**LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter)—
Sir William Seeds, British
Ambassador in Moscow, arrived
back in England yesterday,
accompanied by Lady Seeds.**ADDITIONAL
TAXATION
IN GERMANY****I.O.U. NOTES FOR
WORKERS' WAGES**BERLIN, Jan. 11 (Reuter)—
Some indication of the additional
taxation the German people have
to shoulder is now disclosed in the
German press.Some \$5,000,000,000 a year will
have to be squeezed out of the peo-
ple and there has been much
speculation as to what methods will
be used.**EXTRA INCOME TAX**It is certain, however, that an
extra tax of 9.16 per cent., on 1939
incomes will be claimed and, this,
the Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung
points out, will bring the maxi-
mum tax for the first period up to
64.16 per cent.It is possible that German work-
ers will have of what wages they
have left paid in the form of
I. O. U.'s. This is revealed by the
Schwarze Korps, which adds that
the exact form of these I. O. U.
notes have not yet been decided.**DELAYED SAILING:
SHIP'S CAPTAIN
FINED**Summoned for having failed to
notify the Water Police of the
delay in sailing time of his ship
from 4 p.m. on Dec. 8 to 10 a.m.
on Dec. 7, Captain P.J. Green,
master of the vessel, was fined \$40
by Mr. E. Himsforth, at the Kow-
loon Court yesterday.

Sgt. J. Michie prosecuted.

**FRENCH STEAMER
GOES AGROUND:
BACK BROKEN**LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter)—The
loss of the British ship in the
North Sea on Tuesday is all the
more bitter because of her earlier
escape from air bombing during
the Spanish War. This Glasgow
steamer is the Oakgrove of 1935
tons, which has been sunk by Nazi
aircraft.**CREW SAVED**All her crew have been saved,
but her master is missing. He was
Captain Falconer, who commanded
the Oakgrove during the Spanish
War.At one time, she was held by the
Spanish cruiser Almirante Cervera
off Santander, but was rescued by
a British cruiser and British des-
troyer.**SHIP AGROUND**LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter)—The
French steamer Montauban (4,191
tons) went aground on the north-
east coast of Britain on Tuesday
and, it is feared, has broken her
back. All the crew are safe, but
the Captain and three of the crew
remained on board.A lifeboat took off the remain-
ing thirty-nine.**LINER HITS REEF**LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter)—A
Union Castle liner, the 7,000-ton
Rothsay Castle, hit a reef off the
West Coast of Scotland on Tuesday
and was damaged. She is still on
the rocks and twelve of her crew,
including the Captain, are still on
board.She is not in any danger and it
is thought the ship will not be lost.**COLUMBUS CREW**WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (Reuter)—
The United States Department
of State announces that the crew
of the scuttled Nazi liner Colum-
bus, who have been detained on
Ellis Island, will be sent home to
Germany by secret routes within
a few days.**CROSSWORD
NO. 507****ACROSS**

- 1 Dandy
- 4 Peat bog
- 8 Children
- 12 Hall
- 13 Be con-
tiguous
- 14 Oriental
nurse
- 15 Turn aside
- 17 Pageant
- 19 Hebrew
letter
- 20 Engine of
war
- 21 Persian
fairy
- 22 Observe
- 23 Split pulse
- 24 Cut the
outer part
from
- 25 Small
mountain
lake
- 26 By
- 27 North
American
rail



- 28 Sink in the
the middle
- 29 Causes
disturbance
- 34 River island
- 35 Members of
an Indian
tribe
- 36 Above
- 37 Bazaar
- 39 Again
- 40 Weep
- 41 Guided
- 42 Cover
- 43 Skill in
perform-
ance
- 44 Correlative
of either
- 45 Closing
measures of
a musical
composition
- 46 Audibly

- 48 River in
Arizona
- 50 Goals
- 52 Away
- 53 Close tightly
- 54 Cease
- 55 Number

DOWN

- 1 Craze
- 2 Gluttony
one's self
- 3 Leaf of a
corolla
- 4 Detace
- 5 River in
Siberia
- 6 Redundant
- 7 Great
amount
- 8 Strike
lightly
- 9 Mystic
ecstasy
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measure
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scale
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salmon
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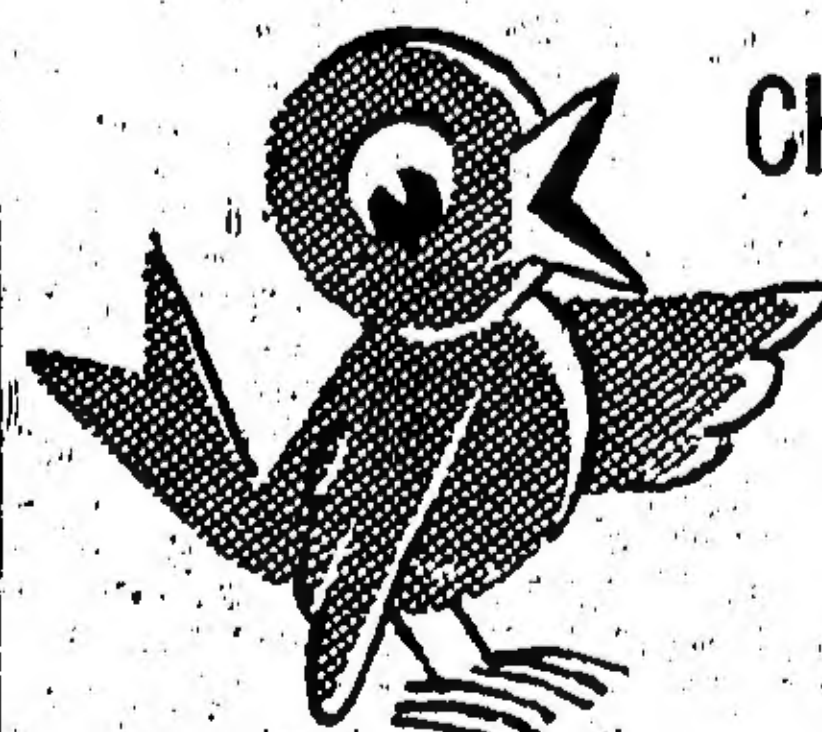
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Mr. Chen Li-fu, Minister of
Education, who is visiting Kwei-
yang, inspected various local colleges
and middle schools on Wednesday.The Sien Hwa Jih Pao (Siam
Chinese Daily News), published by
the overseas Chinese, who returned
to Kunming from Thailand, made
its debut on Wednesday.**N. CHINA PUPPET
ORGANIZATION**PEIPING, Jan. 11 (Reuter)—MR.
Kita, Director of the North China
Affairs Board, left yesterday for
Nanking by air to attend today's
conference of the local directors
and liaison officers of the Board.**SOVIET COMMISSAR
TRANSFERRED**MOSCOW, Jan. 11 (Reuter)—It
is announced that M. Kaganovitch,
Commissar for the Aviation In-
dustry, has been transferred to
another post and will succeed by
M. Shakhurin.

"There Was Not Nothing Left For Me But Death"

TRAGIC WORDS UTTERED BY YOUNG GIRL WITNESS AT SHANGHAI STREET FIRE INQUIRY

"There was nothing left for me but death," was the tragic statement made by a 15-year-old girl, Li Sam, at Kowloon Court yesterday when the inquiry was resumed into the Shanghai Street fire disaster on the night of December 3.

Having said these words, the girl, who appeared short in stature for her age, proceeded to tell a dramatic story of how, with this thought in her mind, she set about the task of surviving the fire. She proceeded to flood the kitchen by opening a water tap.

"I remember the fire," Li Sam said. "When it broke out I was cooking congee in the kitchen at the rear of the premises." She lived on the third floor of No. 482, Shanghai Street. She continued:

I heard police whistles first, I rushed out, trying to get to the verandah, but was prevented by the fire. The flames were coming from below, from the direction of the staircase. When I finally could not get to the front verandah, I ran back to the kitchen and hid myself under the fireplace.

There was nothing left for me but death. I threw some dry sawdust into the iron grating near the fireplace where the dirty water went down. I wanted to block up the drain. At the same time I turned on the water tap. I also shut the kitchen door.

FELT THE HEAT

The water flowed first into the large water jar that was underneath the tap, but later it overflowed. I stayed in the recess just under the fireplace. I did not know if I was quite safe there. I felt the heat, but the flames did not reach me.

While I stayed there, the kitchen windows caught fire and were burnt out. Occasionally it became so hot, I had to scoop some water from the floor into my hiding-place to cool it. I remained there till the fire had burnt out.

It was a long time. Finally, I got out and stood on a concrete stone slab where the chopping block stood usually. From there I called out: "Save life!" through the open window.

A Fire Brigade officer came up through the window. He took me down into the street. There I was put into an ambulance. I was taken to hospital, from where I was discharged on the following day.

While I was in the kitchen, I do not remember having heard or seen anyone else. I was not injured in any way. There was much smoke in the kitchen, but no other part of it caught fire but the windows.

HOW FIRE STARTED

Lo Lam, aged 51, a cotton quilt maker, told of how the fire started on the first floor of No. 480, Shanghai Street.

On the day of the fire, he finished work in the shop on the first floor about 2 p.m. He stayed on the floor to look after the shop, while the time away in preparing some cotton to be worked on next morning.

About 8 p.m., two apprentices arrived from his master's shop

some three blocks away. They weighed out a quantity of cotton wool, and having done so put one bundle of about 20 catties under his bed and another bundle, of about the same weight, under another bed in the room.

His own bed, Lo said, consisted of wooden boards supported on two trestles. The other consisted also of wooden boards. These rested on four supports. When they completed their work, the apprentices left. Soon after, Wong Sul, one of the shop foks, came back.

40 MADE-UP QUILTS

Beside the 40 catties of cotton wool the apprentices had measured out, there was a small quantity of that material also on the verandah. There were also in the room about 40 made-up quilts, hanging down separately from wooden ceiling and wrapped up each in brown grass paper. These quilts were stuffed with cotton wool and weighed about seven or eight catties each.

"I lay down on my bed shortly after 8 p.m.," witness said. "After some 15 or 20 minutes I sat up and struck a match, lighting my pipe. I threw the burnt match on the floor. I had satisfied myself that it was out, but it was still glowing slightly. I used only this one match, and I threw it on the outer side of my bed."

"I had been smoking a little when I noticed a light near the head of my bed. That light came from near where I threw the match down. When I saw this I immediately jumped up. The cotton under my bed was already alight."

"I tried to smother the fire with the quilt I was using to cover myself. This did not put the fire out, but the bundle under the bed next to mine caught alight from the flames that darted out from under the quilt. I was using to smother the fire with."

HANDS AND LEGS BURNED

"I could not put the fire out and by this time my hands and legs were burnt. I don't know if there was anyone to give me assistance. I did not see Wong Sul."

"I continued struggling thus for about 10 or 15 minutes. When I gave up the struggle, I was already so excited I cannot say how much the fire had spread. I had to leave because of my burnt hands and feet."

"I met nobody on the stairs as I ran down. I stood on the footpath in the street by the staircase for a short while. I called out twice 'Fire!' but I don't know if anybody heard me. Later, I walk-



Two prominent Hongkong Chinese, Miss L. Tan and Mr. S. T. Hsu after their marriage on Wednesday.

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50 bags of rice, Chow Chun Relief Association, Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

ed to my master's shop where my burns were treated with oil.

The foreman of the jury, Mr. Gellman, questioned the witness as to his experience with cotton wool on fire. Witness replied that ordinarily cotton wool is very inflammable. He noticed the fire spread quite evenly over the cotton, and there was little or no smoke.

The next witness heard was Wong Su, who corroborated some of Lo's evidence. The inquiry will be continued this afternoon.
Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen is sitting as Coroner, and the jury comprises Messrs. B. A. Gellman (foreman), Wong Kwai-yin and J. A. Remedios.

Hongkong A.D.C. To Present "The Circle" In February

PROCEEDS IN AID OF B.W.O.F.

For their first production of the 1940 season, the Hongkong A.D.C. have chosen Somerset Maugham's wittiest and most amusing comedy, "The Circle," which will be presented at the China Fleet Club Theatre for four nights, 21-24, inclusive.

WITTY COMEDY

The play concerns the complications and reactions which ensue when Lady Catherine Champlin-Cheney, who thirty years before gave up all "for love" and ran away with a married man, is held up as an awful example to her daughter-in-law, Elizabeth, who is seriously thinking of doing the same.

The situation is very amusingly worked out and the play is full of scenes and situations in which all the author's gifts for witty comedy and biting cynicism are seen at their best.

THE CAST

The cast contains a number of old Hongkong favourites, including Helen Prior, who has been a stalwart stand-by of the Hongkong A.D.C. for many years now; Cyril Champkin, in the part of a crochety and irritable old Peer, always having trouble with his false teeth and with original ideas on the sanctity of Bridge; and Winnie Cox, as Elizabeth.

It will be remembered that Winnie Cox played with great distinction in a former production of the A.D.C., "Night Must Fall."

A NEWCOMER

Beth Smith-Wright has a small part, and among the newcomers is E. B. Teesdale, who is shaping very well in the part of a some-

Registry Wedding In Hongkong

Mr. Richard Charles Deane and Miss Joan Margot Sibbald, two Manila personalities, who arrived this week from the south, were married yesterday at the Registry, Supreme Court.

The bridegroom is a well-known chartered accountant in the Philippine capital.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar of Marriages, officiated at the ceremony, and the witnesses were Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Dobson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming marriages are announced:-

Mr. Andres Sadie, musician, of No. 10, Stewart Road, third floor, and Miss Ramona Leung, of No. 31, Morrison Hill Road, first floor; Lance Corporal George Edward Brown, of Wellington Barracks, and Miss Cheong Shui-chun, of No. 5, Fenwick Street;

Mr. Ho Wing-chung, wireless operator, of No. 3, Lung Kong Road, third floor, and Miss Chan May-kun, of No. 7, Fung Fung Terrace;

Mr. Lau Cho-hee, clerk, of No. 107, Hollywood Road, first floor, and Miss Lam Suk-ching, of No. 141, Portland Street, third floor; Mr. Lee Hsi-chi, merchant, of No. 5, Ching Fung Street, second floor, and Miss Yung Pi-yun, of the same address.

MORTGAGE CASE CONCLUDES

After further submissions by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., for the plaintiffs, the alleged mortgage fraud action, involving No. 300 Des Voeux Road Central and No. 96 Wing Lok Street, concluded at the Supreme Court yesterday, when the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, reserved judgment. The action lasted for two weeks.

Before rising, the Chief Justice wished Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., who appeared for the defence, success in his post of Crown Counsel, to which he had recently been appointed, and Mr. Potter, for the Bar, associated himself with His Lordship's words.

Unlawful Possession Of Wood

Three men, who were arrested in Cheung Chau, were jointly charged with the unlawful possession of 1,501 catties of tree wood. They were each fined \$250, or three months' imprisonment by Mr. R. Edwards, at the Central Court, yesterday.

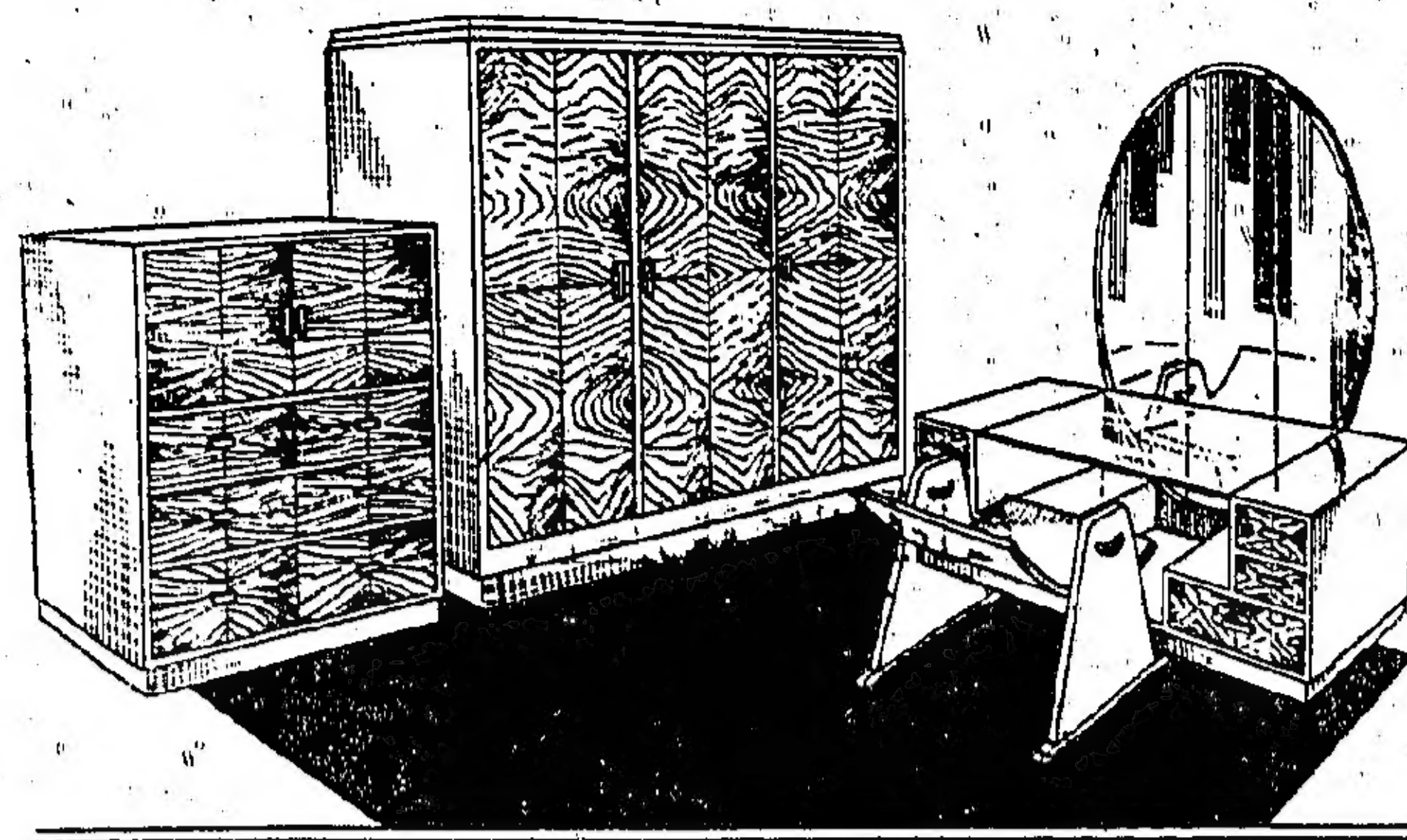
The men were Li Tung, 21, unemployed; Lo Ng, 27, and Ho Yau, 28, farmers.

Serg. Whitcroft told the Court that he saw Ho Yau carrying a sling of firewood, which he threw away when witness approached. He followed Ho to the sea-front and found the two other defendants with a large quantity of firewood.

what "tough" planter home on leave from the F.M.S.

Altogether the production promises to be a great success, and will undoubtedly provide a good antidote to the troubles of the times. All the proceeds will be devoted to the British War Organisation Fund.

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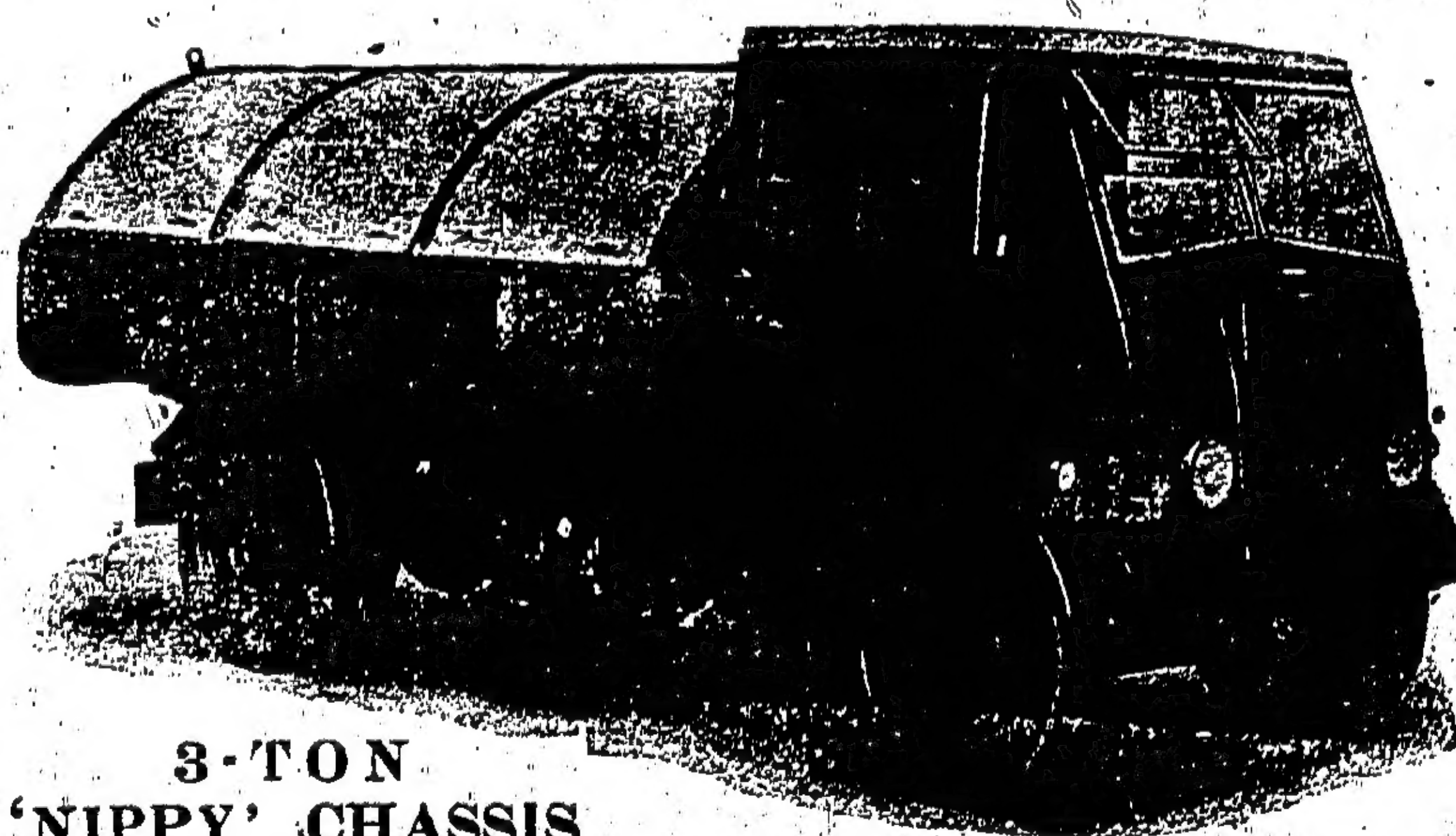
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PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE GOODS OF
EDWARD WEBB, late of
Kowloon Customs House,
Kowloon, in the Colony of
Hongkong, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that
the Court has by virtue of the
provisions of Section 58 of Ordinance
No. 2 of 1897 made an order
limiting the time for creditors and
others to send in their claims
against the above estate to
3rd day of February, 1940.

All Creditors and others are accordingly
hereby required to send
their claims to the undersigned on
or before that date.

DEACONS.

Solicitors for the Administrator,
1, Des Voeux Road Central,
Hong Kong

CLAIM AGAINST
SILK STORE

Victor de Dodwell, seller of
jewellery, brought an action in the
Summary Court yesterday before
Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell against
the Juhlee Silk Store, Nathan
Road, seeking recovery of \$632.36,
being proceeds of the jewellery sold
by defendants on behalf of plain-
tiff and stock alleged kept by the
defendants.

The claim was denied, a counter-
claim for \$405 for three months
rent being filed by the defendants.
Mr. C. A. Sutherland was for
plaintiff, and the defendants were
represented by Mr. M. A. da Silva.
The hearing was adjourned to
February.

OPEN VERDICT ON
WOMAN'S DEATH

An open verdict of "death due
to concussion, but as to how or
by whom that concussion was
caused the Court has no evidence,"
was recorded at the conclusion of
an inquest held at the Central
Court yesterday, into the circum-
stances surrounding the death of
a woman, named Fung Lin-yuet.
Mr. T. J. Houston sat as Coroner
while Det. Insp. L. R. Whant
appeared for the police.

LOCAL ESTATES

The late Mr. James Daniel Bush,
former Professor of English Litera-
ture at Sun Yat-sen University
and a well-known Hongkong resi-
dent, who died at the Hongkong
Sanatorium and Hospital on Nov.
29 last, left local estate sworn
under \$7,400. Probate has been
granted to the widow, Victoria
Mary Bush.

The following estates have been
proved:—
Cheung Yick (or Yik or Yit)
Cho (or Tso), alias Cheung Chan-
kin, retired coal merchant, estate
of \$36,200. Probate has been
granted to the sons, Cheung Fuk-
ki, Cheung Kwok-wa and Cheung
Fuk-chung.

CHINESE DOCTOR
CAUTIONED

Dr. Li Ki-fong, former Medical
Adviser to the late Dr. Sun Yat-
sen and Generalissimo Chiang
Kai-shek, who appeared on remand
before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, at the
Central Court yesterday, charged
with the unlawful possession of
poisons, was cautioned for the
offence.

BERLIN DEGREE

Mr. Alfred Y. Hon, who appear-
ed for the defence, pleaded guilty.
He submitted that Dr. Li had ob-
tained his medical degree in Ber-
lin University in 1921. He remain-
ed in Berlin where he had been
practising his profession for a
year, having returned to Canton,
China, in 1922.

LEAGUE ESSAY
WINNERS

In the hall of St. Stephen's Girls
College yesterday afternoon the
prizes for the League of Nations
Essay Competition were awarded.

Mr. S. V. Boxer, B.Sc., distributed
the awards to the various winners.
Chinese group: Lim Thuan-koo,
Chan Heung-mui, Lei Kwing-tan
and Lam Fung-hoi.
English group: Mona Shand,
Aquilar Chan, Sarwar Khan, Lily
Bhumgara and Ching Shun-chee.

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AMERICAN
VIEW

DOES IT MATTER to Ameri-
cans now what Wilson
was trying to do in 1915, or
what Jefferson was attempt-
ing in 1807? Yes, it does.
With war in Europe, these
questions emerged from
academic twilight into the
high noon of practical con-
sideration of America's con-
tinued peace. Today the
United States' peace depends
on the wisdom with which
Americans tackle problems of
neutral rights which are not
coverable by legislation such
as the Neutrality Act.

MOST AMERICANS SYM-
PATHIZE with the Allied
cause. But some of them
hesitate to give economic aid
to this cause. These fear
that, as in 1917, the United
States may add military to
economic aid. The fears arise
in part from over-simplified
interpretations of the 1917
decision, and in part from
failure to recognize the re-
volutionary change in at-
titude toward neutral rights
manifest in the 1939 neu-
trality legislation.

WHILE RECOGNIZING the
difference of attitude as be-
tween Wilson's insistence on
trade and travel rights—his
interpretation of the latter
being open to question in any
case—numerous Americans
imagine that in Jefferson's
day, at any rate, embargoes
and trade restrictions were
attempted as keep-out-of-
war measures, as they are
today. They know that pres-
sure of shipping and other
commercial interests resulted
in the lifting of these laws in
the last month of Jefferson's
administration and that by
1812, the United States was
at war. But in likening the
Jeffersonian experiment to
that now undertaken they
overlook a vast difference in
motives.

JEFFERSON'S MEASURES
were not directed toward in-
sulation, but toward asser-
tion of American rights on the
seas. The embargo was
not intended to signify any
renunciation of these rights,
as does the cash-and-carry
law; Jefferson applied it as a
retaliatory measure against
countries interfering with
American rights at sea. Thus
both Wilson and Jefferson
were devoted to maintenance
of rights which Americans
have now shown themselves
willing to forego. And some
historians believe that the
dual character of these at-
tempts—the insistence on
rights plus the hope of keep-
ing out of war—was what
made them so difficult for
their administrators.

AGAINST THIS BACK-
GROUND the American hope
of keeping out of 1939's war
seems not so futile as some
imagine it to be. Likewise
the danger from economic
support of a cause with which
Americans sympathize and
with which important national
interests intertwine would
seem less than in 1812 or
1917. Some have felt that
American experience in those
two conflicts proved that only
by abstinance from trade
could American peace be pre-
served in time of major war.

THIS DESPITE the fact
that European neutrals both
traded and kept out of the
World War. American peace,
like theirs, is a question of
the position the American
Government takes on ob-
servance of its rights. It is a
question of policy more than
of legislation. And this time.

AIR FRANCE
ACTIVITY
IN 1939

During the year under review,
Air France has maintained its reg-
ular weekly service throughout,
before and after the hostilities.

FEW DELAYS

On a very few occasions, planes
were delayed a day in their ar-
rivals and departures owing to
weather conditions, otherwise the
Dewoitine arrived and left punc-
tually at their schedule times.

The success met by this line
during the preceding year, since its
inauguration, continued through-
out 1939, many passengers availing
themselves of the comfort of Air
France planes to go to Hanoi,
India and Europe.

The following is a summary of
the activity of the Company in
Hongkong:

PASSENGERS	
From Europe-Hanoi	454
To Hanoi-Europe	394
Total	848
FREIGHT	
Tonnage received from Eu- rope-Hanoi	1,425
Tonnage shipped from H.K. to Hanoi and Europe	1,405
Total	2,830
POST	
Mails received	1,715
Mails shipped	506
Total	2,221

It must be noted that air mail
was only carried from Hongkong
to Hanoi and Europe as from
March 1939.

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS
PLANE ARRIVES

The inward mid-week service of
Imperial Airways from Bangkok
arrived at Kai Tak yesterday at
3.25 p.m. The mail load from all
Empire ports totalled 174 kilos.

Arriving on the plane were Mr.
N. MacMillan and First Officer
J. F. Raeburn, both travellers con-
nected with Imperial Airways. Mr.
A. L. Maysingh was the other
passenger, travelling from Cal-
cutta.

Air France Departures
Departing by the Air France
service yesterday morning were
Mr. L. Larcher to Hanoi and nine
Chinese passengers, whose names
were not revealed.
Mail load outbound totalled 15
kilos.

AIRPORT NEWS

Imperial Airways:
SOUTHBOUND
Sunday: Hanoi, Bangkok.
Della-7 a.m.

NORTHBOUND
Monday: Bangkok, Hanoi, Hong-
kong.
Driedola-4 p.m.

Air France
NORTHBOUND
Wednesday: France, Hanoi,
Hongkong.
Service-4 p.m.

SOUTHBOUND
Thursday: Hanoi, France.
Service-8 a.m.

Pan American Airways:
EASTBOUND
Wednesday: U. S. A., Manila,
Hongkong.

Philippine Clipper-2 p.m.
WESTBOUND
Thursday: Manila, U. S. A.
Philippine Clipper-8.30 a.m.

MANSLAUGHTER
CHARGE AGAINST
EUROPEAN

Thomas Parkinson, 51, Civil
Servant, appeared on remand
before Mr. R. Edwards, at the
Central Court yesterday, on a
charge of manslaughter. He was
further remanded for seven days.
Hearing has been fixed for Feb. 6
and 7.

The case is a sequel to a traffic
accident, when it was alleged that
the defendant knocked down and
killed a Chinese boy in Bonham
Road, in December last.
Mr. D. L. Strellett appeared for
the defence.

the policy of the United
States toward its right to
trade with belligerents in all
probability will be guided by
the unambiguous sentiment
which called forth the neu-
trality laws.—C.S. Monitor.

CONDITIONS IN
SHUMCHUN

Continued from Page 1

Chau told me that the National
Government of China was doing
everything possible to help those
whose homes and crops had been
damaged by the Japanese.

WRECKED AND ROBBED

"Every bit of timber in the dis-
trict, even doors, and household
furniture were used by the Jap-
anese for firewood and the poor
unfortunate people returned to
find their homes wrecked and
robbed," he told me.

"While the Chinese Government
cannot undertake to refurbish
their homes," Mr. Chau continued,
"We are ready to assist deserving
cases with food, seeds for sowing
new crops and even clothing, and
several cases are being closely
examined for this purpose."

"Chinese citizens who went
to Hongkong following the
Japanese occupation of Shum-
chun are urged to return to
their former homes," said Mr.
Chau when I asked him if he
had any message for his coun-
trymen across the border.
"The Government will do
everything possible to assist
them in the task of re-
habilitation."

Mr. Chau told me that already
about 25 per cent of the former
population had returned and
every day more and more were
coming back. "Soon condition
here will be quite normal," he
added.

I then heard soldiers drilling in
the yard outside. Rushing to the
window, I saw a group of guer-
illas lined up. They were parading
before their mid-day meal. In
a corner-room I espied five men
lying on mats on the floor. On
inquiry, I learned that they were
prisoners.

The men had been arrested for
cutting and stealing the electric
cables from the power house and
were awaiting trial. I saw one
closer examination that they were
hounded by their wrists behind their
backs and also chained to the wall.

Several shops in Shumchun
have been re-opened and the
market was a fairly busy place
with several stalls already
operating. There was a row of
opium dives in one street and
all of them seemed to be doing
excellent business.

One woman, proprietor of a
millinery shop, was having her
establishment cleaned up. She
told me that she had lost \$5,000
worth of stock.

I walked through almost every
street of the town. One out of
every ten houses was re-occupied.
The people wore expressions of
calm and confidence. At every
junction armed guerillas stood on
guard behind sandbag barriers,
left behind by the Japanese.

DRAINS CONGESTED

The drains are congested with
stagnant water and the streets
are full of dirt and refuse. San-
itary conditions are very bad &
there is danger of an epidemic
breaking out.

Mr. Chau, the acting magistrate,
has appealed to Mr. Alfred Morris,
for assistance in coping with the
large number of cases of malaria.
As already stated, Mr. Morris has
started a hospital in the old
Casino where five nurses are on
duty. I have been reliably in-
formed that the Casino will be per-
manently used as a hospital.

At present the populace,
though sparse, is living under
trying conditions. The town's
power plant was damaged be-
yond repair by the Japanese
before they withdrew and as a
result there is no power for
working the water system. In
consequence the taps are
dry and well water has to be
used. This again is another
source of danger to public
health.

But the Chinese Government
has set about coping with a dif-
ficult task in a highly efficient
manner and, before long, Shum-
chun promises to be once again its
former self.

GAMBLERS IN COURT

A fine of \$25, or one month's
imprisonment, was imposed on
Lai Sum, 31, unemployed, when
he appeared before Mr. R. Ed-
wards, at the Central Court yester-
day, and pleaded guilty to the
charge of keeping a common
gambling house in Hollywood
Road.

Three of six others, who pleaded
guilty to having participated in
the gambling, were each fined \$3,
while the absentes had their bail
of \$3 each estimated. Table money
of \$2 cents was ordered to be put
in the Poor Box.

How Tuberculosis Problem Has Been
Approached In England And Wales:
Proportion Of Deaths In H.K. In
1938 Eight Times Higher

In the previous talks we have discussed the Tuberculosis situation in Hongkong and what can be done about it. It is necessary to abandon the unhelpful idea that the problem is too big and difficult to tackle. That the effort is worth while is amply demonstrated by what has been accomplished elsewhere in circumstances almost though, happily, not quite as bad.

Perhaps a brief description of the manner in which the problem has been approached in England and Wales might be of interest.

In England the administra-
tion for diagnosis and treat-
ment of Tuberculosis is, in
the main, carried out by
the individual counties and
county boroughs. The county
or county borough medical
officer of health is the ad-
ministrative head of the or-
ganisation. Wales, on the
other hand, possesses a joint
scheme for the whole of
the counties and county
boroughs.

The following figures showing
the mortality rates from Tuberculosis per hundred thousand of
the population over different
periods in the past three decades
or so are thought-provoking.

	England	Wales	H.K.
1801-10	156	162	280
1811-15	141	136	280
1836	88	88	244
1877	68	88	406
1938	62	81	480

Statist in, perhaps, a rather
more simple way, in the past thirty
years the proportion of deaths
from Tuberculosis to the total
population in England has fallen
to considerably less than half the
former level whilst that in Hong-
kong has nearly doubled. The
proportion of deaths from Tuberculosis
in Hongkong in 1938 was
nearly eight times higher than in
England in the same year.

REDUCTION EXPLAINED

In order to explain the way
in which this remarkable reduction
in the mortality rate from Tuberculosis
has been achieved in Eng-
land, it might be worth while con-
sidering the Tuberculosis organisa-
tion of the Lancashire County
Council, since the population is
about the same as that of Hong-
kong at present (4,359,200).

The scheme was initiated under
the National (Health) Insurance
Act of 1911 and since 1914 has been
controlled by the County Tuberculosis
Department inaugurated in
that year.

The area is divided into five
large districts, each with its own
consultant Tuberculosis officer and
a small sanatorium of 50 beds. In
addition, three small districts each
have their own Tuberculosis officer
and a large institution of upwards
of 200 beds.

That close co-operation exists be-
tween the Tuberculosis officers,
medical officer of health and gen-
eral medical practitioners is proved
by the fact that 92 per centum of
all new cases in 1938 were sent by
private practitioners to the Tuberculosis
officer for opinion as to
diagnosis and treatment before
notification.

Every effort is made to isolate
infectious cases in separate bed-
rooms or, at worst, in separate
beds, by lending bedsteads and
mattresses to poor patients or by
assisting them from "care" funds to
buy bedding.

REHOUSE FAMILIES

Under the Housing Act of 1935
local authorities in England and
Wales are required to rehouse
families reported by the Tuberculosis
dispensary Staff to be living
in over-crowded houses. Full ad-
vantage has been taken of these
powers by those responsible for the
Tuberculosis campaign in Lancashire
and the housing conditions of
many patients have thus been im-
proved.

It is interesting to record that
no fees are asked for institutional
treatment of Tuberculosis (as in
Hongkong). In Lancashire and
elsewhere in England and Wales,
an occupational training in village
settlements is also free—the fam-
ilies of patients being taken in
without charge.

Some 705 beds are provided for
cases suffering from Tuberculosis
of the lungs. This is equivalent to
one bed for every 2,637 members of
the population, or eighty-two beds
for every 100 deaths from Pulmonary
Tuberculosis. For Tuberculosis
of bones, joints, glands and other
parts of the body, there are 276
beds; that is to say, one to every
6,736 head of population or 143 for

every 100 deaths from the non-
pulmonary form.

VALUE OF AFTER-CARE

The value of after-care is fully
recognised by the County Council,
which gives liberal financial sup-
port to the committees responsible
for follow-up work.

From the short description given,
it is apparent that the Lancashire
County Tuberculosis scheme re-
quires a fair large sum to finance
it. In point of fact, for the year
ended the March 31, 1937, the ex-
penditure amounted to £195,075
(H.K. \$5,174,101.69), which is
equivalent to 11 times the whole
Medical Budget for 1939 for Hong-
kong.

On the credit side it would seem
that in the 23 years from 1914 to
1937 the Tuberculosis death-rate in
the Lancashire County area has
fallen 52 per centum and the case
rate by 49 per centum. This fine
record is believed to have been due
very largely to the policy of com-
bining the preventive and curative
aspects of the work—finding,
isolating, educating and treating
all infectious cases amongst adults.

TOO MANY DEMANDS

It is obvious that there are far
too many demands on the public
purse in Hongkong to make it feasi-
ble to devote a tenth of the annual
expenditure on Tuberculosis con-
trol, that is spent in the Lancashire
County area. Nevertheless, this
realisation would not justify an in-
active attitude in the face of what
amounts to a major crippling and
killing disease in this Colony.
Consequently, it behoves all of us
to do our utmost to assist in the
campaign that has just been
launched in Hongkong.

In bringing this talk on Tuberculosis
to a close, may I appeal to all
those in Hongkong who have for
the past fortnight been listening to
the Chinese or English broadcasts
on this subject to join hands with
the medical and health authorities
in their fight against the disease,
so aptly described as "the white
plague." Those who are willing to
help or who have practical sugges-
tions to offer are cordially invited
to communicate with the Director
of Medical Services, third floor,
Central Post Office Building.

Economic Problems And
Nazi-Russo Relations To
Fore In German Politics

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—According to the Telegraaf's
Berlin correspondent, economic problems and German-Russo rela-
tions are the two subjects in the forefront of political activity in the
highest Nazi circles.

Dr. Ritter, Chief of the delegation to Russia, is expected to re-
turn to Moscow within the next 36 hours to resume negotiations.

It is learned here that Germany
is desperately anxious to clean up
matters but goods from Russia are
coming through very slow. Of
1,000,000 tons of cattle fodder or-
dered by Germany in October less
than 100,000 tons has, as yet, ar-
rived.

It is also understood that the
newly-hatched idea of paying work-
men partly by food tickets and
savings bank coupons has already
aroused great discontent among
the workers.

HARDEST WINTER

The Telegraaf's Berlin correspon-
dent states that the winter pro-
mises to be the hardest since 1938
and this means a shortage of fuel
and certain foodstuffs arising from
transport difficulties which are
doubtful serious.

Forty per cent of the internal
transport of Germany is handled
by waters which are now complete-
ly frozen. Railways are, mostly,
needed for war purposes, con-
sequently there were houses in
Berlin without fire since Christ-
mas and whole families had to go
to the hotel.

The correspondent adds that the
people are refusing to pay rent.

DR. ROBERT LIM
ON CHINESE
RED CROSS WORK

Dr. Robert S. K. Lim, Director
of the Chinese Red Cross Medical
Corps, delivered an interesting
lecture at the Hongkong Univer-
sity last night on the training and
work of the Chinese Red Cross at
the front. A large audience in-
cluded the Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-
Clarke, Director of Medical Ser-
vices.

Dr. Lim said that when the war
of aggression was waged on China,
she lacked the essential services of
a medical corps to take care of
the wounded.

For the first six months of the
war, the Chinese Red Cross Medi-
cal Corps was equal to nil. Until
the end of 1937, several months
after the commencement of hos-
tilities, organisers worked unceas-
ingly and established no less than
350 hospitals, including field and
base hospitals.

Dr. Lim spoke of the lack of
qualified medical men to care for
the wounded and the great diffi-
culties in conveying medical sup-
plies to the various hospitals and
the transportation of wounded
from the front.

Films of the work of the Red
Cross units on the various fronts
were also shown.

Cargo For H.K.
Pirated
From 2 Junks

Miscellaneous cargo consigned to
Hongkong from Chinese territory,
valued at \$6,600, was pirated from
two junks in the course of their
voyage to the Colony from Tai
Hong.

Lam Choi, travelling trader, told
the police on his arrival here yester-
day that he left Tai Hong on
December 20 with several others in
the two junks. The next evening,
they were stopped near Man Ping
Shan by two sampans which con-
tained nine armed men each. A
machine-gun was also mounted in
one sampan.

The robbers caused the two junks
to drop anchor, and then trans-
ferred the cargo ashore. During
these operations, which lasted two
or three hours, the passengers and
crews of the junks were kept pri-
soners in the holds.

Subsequently taken ashore, the
latter were released only on Jan-
uary 6.

Kowloon City
Robbery

In a report to the police, Lai
Chun-tai, aged 40, widow, of No.
5, Lai Chi Yuen Village, Kowloon
City district, stated that about
9.45 o'clock last night, four men,
one armed with a revolver, be-
lieved to be a toy one, entered
her premises.

The robbers left with a \$5 note,
\$7 in 5-cent pieces, 25 copper
cents and a gold finger ring,
valued at \$3.

COLONY HEALTH

Twelve cases of tuberculosis,
seven cases of chicken-pox, two
cases of enteric fever and one case
of dysentery were notified to the
Health Department on Jan. 10.

RUSSIAN CONCENTRATE TROOPS FOR FRESH ONSLAUGHTS ON FINNISH FRONTS

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter)—Finnish circles in London state that the Russians have concentrated "astonishingly large masses of troops" on the Salla and Lake Kianta fronts. Hence the Finns expect to face new onslaughts there shortly.

Fighting Qualities Of The Finns

BRUSSELS, Jan. 11 (Havas)—The Finnish soldiers are displaying marvellous fighting qualities. General Badoux declared, when he returned here yesterday after nine months spent in Finland in the capacity of adviser for the construction of the Mannerheim Line. Gen. Badoux said: "I led, during the Yser Battle, the famous Manner Van Den Ghele. I saw the French and British fight in the World War and I was still more astonished when I saw the fighting qualities of the Finnish soldier. The Finns are helped by the most modern organization in a defence line in which machine-guns are invulnerable and visible on the surface, with small-sized armoured bells in which the machine-gunner is invisible while covering a large field. He is protected on the flanks by two other heavy machine-guns. The Finns let the Russians approach to 200 meters and then open fire, which is a real sweeping away of human lives."

ITALIAN COMMENT
ROME, Jan. 11 (Havas)—Rome papers are commenting freely on the Finnish victory in Suomussalmi. The Messengers states: "This disaster plainly demonstrates that the Kremlin has morally lost the war. Whatever Moscow may do to alter the trend of its military enterprise, which is causing so much bitterness to the Soviet leaders, nothing can give back the Soviet armies the honour they have lost on the Finnish battlefields."

To commemorate the centenary of the introduction of adhesive postage stamps, the Postmaster General in Britain announces that in May a special series of lower priced stamps will be issued.

JAPANESE FORCED TO WITHDRAW FURTHER IN NORTH KWANGTUNG: CHINESE PUSH TO TSENGSHING

JUNKS BURNED

Continued from Page 1
cluding the Japanese, but the greater part of the fleet, about 70 junks, were surrounded by the ring of Japanese vessels.

RING TIGHTENED

The ring was tightened as shelling progressed. A few junks sank, the rest were eventually boarded by parties off the trawlers, tied together and destroyed by fire.

Scenes of horror were described by the survivors, who stated that the Japanese machine-gunned the struggling people in the water for more than two hours. It was not until the great bonfire had settled and they were certain that they had disposed of the junks' crews that the Japanese steamed away.

Between 10 and 20 people were on board each junk at the time, it is stated, so that over 1,000 lives were probably sacrificed.

Estimating each junk to cost \$15,000, including gear, loss of property, therefore, amounts to more than \$1,500,000.

FIRST BIG DISASTER
Japanese molestation of fishing junks in South China noticeably diminished in the last six months, and, though several small incidents were recently made known, this is the first large-scale disaster to be reported.

It is estimated that since September, 1937, when the first fishing junk was known to have been stopped and burned by the Japanese, at least 1,000 craft have been lost and more than 15,000 persons have perished or have not been traced.

The normal fishing population of Hongkong is between 70,000 and 80,000, and the normal earnings of this vast number, worked out at an average of \$200 per head per year, reach the staggering annual total of about \$16,000,000. In the last two years, however, Japanese interference caused the annual returns to drop to only about \$3,000,000. At least 30,000

HELSENKI, Jan. 11 (Reuter)—A communique states that on the Karelian Isthmus the day was relatively quiet, apart from the usual artillery and patrol activity.

DEFENCES STRENGTHENED

The Russians continue to strengthen their defences. On the Suomussalmi Front, Finnish troops reached the frontier and cleared the area of enemy troops. This is the fourth point where the invaders who crossed the frontier were thrown back on to Russian soil.

SWEDISH CONCERN

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 11 (Reuter)—Swedish concern over Soviet aggression on Finland was expressed in two quarters on Tuesday night.

The Swedish Parliament passed a series of emergency measures, which are applicable in the event of war or threat of war.

The Chief of the Military College said that if Soviet Russia is not stopped on the Karelian Isthmus, Sweden will be in danger. Sweden knew from the years 1809 to 1918 what it means to have a Russian border close to her own and "We don't want to have that situation again."

Another trainload of Swedish volunteers has left Stockholm for Finland.

SWISS UNEMPLOYED FOR MILITARY SERVICE

BERNE, Jan. 11 (Reuter)—Twenty-two thousand unemployed will be drafted into military service according to the latest decree passed by the Federal Council. They will be entitled to the same pay as those in regular military service. All able-bodied unemployed who refuse to enter military service will be deprived of their unemployment benefits.

Air Battle Over North Sea

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter)—The Air Ministry announces that an R. A. F. formation encountered long-range enemy fighters far out over the North Sea yesterday. A running fight, lasting half an hour, followed.

CRASH INTO SEA

One Messer-Schmidt 110 was seen to crash into the sea and it is known that another was forced to land in Denmark.

One of our aircraft was lost, but the remainder after beating off the enemy, continued to the easterly limit of their reconnaissance and returned safely.

CONSIDERABLE ACTIVITY

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter)—Considerable aerial activity was seen from towns on the south-east coast of Scotland before noon today when three black planes, believed to be German, were chased out to sea by British fighters.

Shrapnel fell in the streets of South Shields when a high-flying enemy aircraft was driven off by gunfire.

The people in the streets of a Kettish town heard distant heavy gunfire about 1 p.m. but no planes were seen.

On the Essex coast, anti-aircraft guns were also in action against unidentified aircraft flying eastwards at a high altitude over the Thames Estuary. No sirens were sounded and no bombs were dropped.

NO ENGAGEMENT

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter)—The Air Ministry announces that "with reference to the numerous reports of intense activity of the bombing in the region of Sylt yesterday no British Air Force craft were in that area after approximately 1 a.m. on Jan. 10."

"As already announced, there was no air engagement far out at sea and the Air Ministry has no knowledge of any event which would account for the reports referred to."

MORE HASTE THAN ACCURACY

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter)—The two German bombers which attacked British shipping off the East Coast on Tuesday, aimed forty bombs at the British steamer Northwood (1,146 tons), but all missed.

NO CASUALTIES

There were no casualties among the crew, although the ship was swept with machine-gun fire.

One of the planes was hit about the fuselage by the Northwood's Lewis gun and immediately afterwards both machines made off.

When the vessel arrived in port yesterday, the Captain said that the German machines dropped to try bombs with more haste than accuracy. The attack lasted ten minutes.

NAVAL STATEMENT

The Naval Authorities state that, with reference to the German High Command's Communique of Jan. 9, German aircraft attacked 15 isolated ships not in convoy off the East Coast of Britain throughout daylight on Jan. 9.

The majority of the ships attacked, of which four were Danish, were small, unarmed merchant vessels; but, in spite of being bombed, only two, totalling 3,000 tons, are known to have sunk.

UNSTABLE ALLIES - SOVIET EQUILIBRIUM

(Special to the Hongkong Daily Press)

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Havas)—Many observers here are asking themselves whether the unstable equilibrium between the Allies and the Soviet is going to last and many are answering in the negative.

Mr. Chamberlain's speech yesterday shows that Britain is not taking the initiative to attenuate the present tension unless Moscow abandons its Finnish adventure and all indications show that Moscow is determined to pursue the campaign.

Many political circles believe that Russia wishes for the time being, to continue the campaign, while certain quarters still fear that the Allies and German may come to a reconciliation at her expense. As the last hypothesis is impossible, it is conceivable that Germany and Russia may sooner or later completely join hands.

Meanwhile, political circles are following closely Italy's moves and, while welcoming satisfaction over the Italian concern for stability in the Balkans, they are wondering what attitude Italy will take in the case of joint Soviet-German action.

Army & Navy Increases In America

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (Reuter)—The U. S. House of Representatives Appropriations Committee generally approved President Roosevelt's emergency defence outlays in proposing that Congress should provide \$267,000,000 for Army, Navy and Coast Guard purposes.

GUAM IMPROVEMENTS
Special to the H.K. Daily Press
WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (Havas)—Havas understands that no separate project for the fortification of Guam will be made during this session of Congress but credits will be necessary to improve its naval and air facilities which will be included in the Naval Budget for "improving air base."

JAPANESE CABINET RESIGNATION EXPECTED DURING WEEK - END

TOKYO, Jan. 11 (Reuter)—All newspapers this morning agree that the Prime Minister, General Nobuyuki Abe, will definitely resign after the Privy Council has approved the provisional Japanese-Soviet Fisheries Agreement on Saturday.

His resignation is expected on Sunday or Monday provided the Lord Privy Seal, K. Yuasa, and President of the Privy Council, Prince Konoze, in the meantime, are able to find a successor acceptable to the Army, Navy, political, financial and industrial circles.

"UPS AND DOWNS"
In this connexion, the Asahi Shimbun declares: "Hopes and speculative ideas are all in confusion in the quarters concerned, including the senior statesmen close to the Throne, military and political circles."

"Various ups and downs," it adds, "are unavoidable before these become united."

The newspaper forecasts an extraordinary session of the Cabinet on Jan. 15, when the Premier will express his determination to resign.

NEW PREMIER?

Well-informed circles believe that the new Premier will probably be a military man on the retired list, but it is possible that a general on the active list may be commanded to form a Cabinet.

The Asahi Shimbun makes an interesting note that the recommendation of a new Premier to the Emperor is nowadays the responsibility of the Keeper of the Privy Seal, Mr. K. Yuasa, though the views of aged Prince Salome, the elder statesman, continue to be consulted.

WESTERN FRONT

2 NAZI RAIDS REPULSED

PARIS, Jan. 11 (Reuter)—Two German patrol raids on Tuesday were halted, with heavy losses, to the enemy. The German raiders came into contact with French patrols and there were brisk exchanges of rifle-fire and hand-grenades.

HEAVY FOG

Due to the heavy fog, there was little air activity. Save for long reconnaissance flight by Nazi planes over North-West France.

FIRST LORD'S TRIBUTE

PARIS, Jan. 11 (Reuter)—Before leaving France, Mr. Winston Churchill said he has been much impressed by the co-operation and friendship which existed, not only between the British and French Staff Officers, but of all others, especially the lower ranks.

Anyone at home, who was gloomy about the war, would benefit by spending a few days with the British and French armies, he said.

H.M. the Queen has approved the appointment of Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, to be Commandant-in-Chief of the Women's Transport Service.

PREMIER'S CONFIDENCE IN BRITAIN'S READINESS TO FACE GRIM STRUGGLE AHEAD WINS WORLD PRAISE AND APPROVAL

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter)—Worldwide interest is being shown in Mr. Chamberlain's speech at Mansion House on Tuesday. His words of confidence that Britain is ready to face a grimmer struggle ahead meet with approval.

All American papers print the text of the speech and typical comment is that of the New York Times, which says: "Mr. Chamberlain's speech crackled with determination to win the war, no matter at what cost."

Nevertheless, the paper continues, he is able to look ahead to the eventual problem of the next peace settlement. The real strength of Anglo-French unity would not be seen until the Nazi danger is destroyed.

If this time the leaders and people of Britain and France can live up to Mr. Chamberlain's hopes for an extension of Anglo-French unity, there will be reason to look forward, "without dread, to the shape of things to come."

FRENCH PRESS

The French press emphasises the importance of Mr. Chamberlain's remarks on Anglo-French collaboration.

A United Sunday School Children's service will be held in St. John's Cathedral on Sunday at 3 p.m. when all Churches will be represented.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 13 to 18 Jan. 1940.

Day of Week	Date	High Water		Low Water	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Fri.	13	12.10	4.7	18.15	0.9
Sat.	14	12.45	7.1	18.50	3.4
Sun.	15	13.42	8.8	19.47	3.1
Mon.	16	14.10	6.7	17.00	3.5
Tue.	17	13.15	4.9	16.22	1.4
Wed.	18	12.30	6.2	17.40	3.6
Thur.	19	12.40	4.0	18.28	3.8
		14.11	6.7	17.29	3.1
		14.34	5.2	16.00	2.5
		14.45	5.2	20.55	4.0
		15.29	4.0	18.28	3.8
		15.35	5.5	23.00	2.7

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HAPPY UNION OF PEOPLE UNDER BENEVOLENT RULE OF BRITISH CROWN

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter)—Replying to Herr Hitler's bombastic New Year message to the Nazi Party, in which he declared that the German battle is being waged against "the old powers of a decaying world," Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Secretary for the Colonies, broadcasting to the Empire, said, inter alia, that those wishing to learn the quality of Britain's strength must look not only at this island, but beyond, to all the corners of the earth where the peoples are associated in a happy union under the British Crown.

PROUD ARRAY

"There was a proud array in the Dominions and these new nations yield nothing in youthful qualities to other people. Then there was India and Burma and two-score countries in the Colonial Empire."

"The present struggle is between the old system of force and a new system, in which free and equal nations can live amicably and peacefully together," concluded Mr. MacDonald. "Britain and the Dominions are a company of free nations, living in permanent accord and that fact is the surest guarantee that victory will be ours."

\$80,000 SPENT ON RELIEF WORK IN CHINA

CHUNGKING, Jan. 11 (Reuter)—Over \$80,000 have so far been distributed by the Chungking Branch of the British Fund for the Relief of China, formerly known as the Lord Mayor's Fund since the establishment of the branch here last March.

Out of the total of \$140,000 received, some \$60,000 remain. Grants have also been made for relief work in Honan.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11 (Reuter)—Two members of the Canadian Shipping Board arrived here from Ottawa to discuss the possibility of acquiring American ships for the transport of Canadian goods.

LIBERTY BONDS DRAWING
SHANGHAI, Jan. 11 (Reuter)—The eighth drawing of the 1936 Liberty Bonds was held yesterday, the five terminal numbers drawn being 170, 483, 593, 696 and 827.

Payment of capital and interest aggregating \$1,700,000 will be made, beginning on February 29.

WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory
10 a.m., January 11.
Barometer (at sea level), 30.20 ins.
Temperature, 63 F.
Humidity, 72 per cent.
Wind Direction, E.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 5.
Temperature; maximum yesterday 68 F.
Temperature; minimum last night 59 F.
Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10 a.m. today, nil.
Total rainfall since January 1st nil.
Against an average of 0.27 ins.
Sunset tonight, 5.57 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 7.06 a.m.
4 p.m., Jan. 11.
Barometer (at sea level), 30.09 ins.
Temperature, 63 F.
Humidity, 72 per cent.
Wind Direction, E/S.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.
Maximum temperature, 66 F.
Minimum temperature, 59 F.
Rainfall, nil.

Unity Of Control For Air Force In France: Closer Co-Operation With Army

LONDON, JAN. 11 (REUTER)—AIR-MARSHAL BARRATT ARRIVED BY AIR YESTERDAY AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE AIR FORCE FROM THE PLACE WHERE HE HAD BEEN STATIONED SINCE THE START OF THE WAR AS SENIOR AIR LIAISON OFFICER WITH THE FRENCH FORCES.

All ranks of the British Air Forces, says Reuter's special correspondent with the British Air Forces in France, welcome the new development, which is a sequel to the ever-growing strength of Britain's air arm in France.

It is pointed out here that the unity of control is considered an advantage, as all available Air Forces can be used in the best way according to the course of events.

CLOSE CO-OPERATION

There is no question that they have been receiving any less support from the air and, in practice, the excellent co-operation between the Army and the Air Force will be unaffected. It may be emphasised that Air-

CANADIAN OFFICERS

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter)—An Air Commodore and two Group Captains of the Canadian Air Force have arrived in England to familiarise themselves with the working methods of the R.A.F.

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CONFIDE IN FAITH PRIOR

H.K. EMPLOYMENT

SHANGHAI BUSINESS girl has sent this department a short note asking about employment and living conditions in Hongkong, and that we answer through this medium, concerning the possibilities.

REGARDING POSITIONS of merit for young women here in the Colony, they are far and few. We should advise you to hold on to your position in the North and, at a later date, say, on your vacation, make a trip to Hongkong when you can investigate working and living conditions for yourself. Have you tried connecting a firm having a branch office in Hongkong? There might be a possibility that you can secure a position in this way. Sometimes it happens that local business houses here import their office employees from Shanghai, Manila or Singapore. Commercial business in Hongkong is going along but not in a "booming" manner.

THE IN-LAWS

IN-LAW TROUBLES is a young wife now in her third year of married life. In the past nine months her husband's relations have arrived to live here from various parts of the China Coast, and have evidently made the young wife's home life difficult. They are constantly in her home uninvited, they criticize and raise discussions over her management of the home. Can she be rude and ask them to get out and stay out of her house?

FIRST OF ALL speak to your husband about this feeling and the conditions. Do not exaggerate or criticize his relatives, merely state the facts, without comment. Tell him exactly how you feel. He may be able to clear up the whole situation. If this does not work out, compromise to be difficult and a little rude to your unwelcome guests, no doubt they will probably decide you are a horrible creature, but it might be worth it for peace of the home. There are many small ways by which you can inform them they are not wanted without being out and out rude.

For instance, if they remain late in the afternoon and you know they intend to stay for dinner, have the cook prepare this meal for you and your husband, then at the dinner hour rise and pardon yourself sweetly informing them that you did not expect to have them for dinner and consequently the menu does not allow the added company. After which suggest calling them a taxi and fetching their wraps. Push these people nicely and sweetly out of your home and after several weeks of this practice you will notice their more frequent absences.

HEATED LETTER

OLD FASHIONED secretary writes an amusing and heated

letter concerning her young employer and number two in the office where she has been employed for three years. She does her work well, efficiently and willingly, however, she does not believe it should include evening entertainment for a young man "whose eyes are not quite sincere!" The problem is what can she do about the constant invitations she receives from him, the situation is becoming a bit uncomfortable for her?

THERE ARE SUCH things as "office romances" and many times they have turned into marriage even though the smart secretary knows her employer better than he does, his family or wife. Unless you object to the young man it would not be out of order for you to accept one of his invitations. But, if you do, be very careful of your conduct and do not try to carry on the next day in the office the informal social attitude of the evening before. If you do not care to accept the invitations tell him kindly that you are practically engaged and your time is devoted to other sources.

After you tell him this sincerely and do not at any time encourage him, I am sure you will not be annoyed further. Another thought—do you think he could be "kidding" you? That he might almost faint if you did accept?

DEAR FAITH PRIOR: I feel a little guilty. The other evening I accepted an invitation to the motion pictures and dinner in the hotel later. I attended the theatre and was half-way through dinner when I became very annoyed and disgusted with my escort. Excusing myself, I went to the ladies' powder room, wrote a note to the man, pardoning myself and explaining that I had gone home. Then I dashed into a taxi, leaving him. The following day he telephoned but I refused to speak with him and I do not wish to see him again but my conscience bothers me a little. Should I write him another note of apology? GUILTY CONSCIENCE.

DEAR GUILTY CONSCIENCE: Such conditions do occur and maybe we take the wrong course at the time, then there is nothing to do but admit your error and apologise. I suggest you write the gentleman a note again begging his pardon. It is not necessary for you to give reasons for your conduct. If you do not wish to see him again keep away from the telephone and do not make further engagements with him. When you see him on the street or in public smile and nod your head but do not stop to converse. Eventually he will get the idea you do not wish to nourish his acquaintance.

(Each week in this column FAITH PRIOR answers questions of a personal nature submitted by readers of the Daily Press.)

Pockets For Spring

Fashion designers are at it again and this time they are manoeuvring pockets. Spring's fashions have pockets extra large, and outside, to the small inside types.

Huge patch pockets at the waist on a wool street and afternoon frock.

Then again there is just one pocket, leather reinforced on a suit of bluish-wine tweed. This trimming is on the left hand side of the long jacket, below the waist.

The big knapsack pockets are amazing. Two flanking each side of a bulging top-coat of pinky beige duvetine. The English girls and women of London will welcome this style.

Fur pockets on street dresses and suits are very new and they are quite large making them stand out and lending quite a dash to the outfit.

Dinner suits have pockets too!

And your sport togs for warmer days have huge outside square pockets on the jackets or blouses which are tailored severely and worn outside of slacks or shorts.

Of course, when you possess such large carrying spaces in your frock it is an invitation to fill the cavities—but it won't be fashionable!

A NOVEL DESIGN



Lightweight wool jersey in a deep sea green silk jersey, designed by Bernard Newman, is worn by Virginia Bruce. The bodice is draped from a gathered shoulder line, sleeves end just below the elbow. Silver and aquamarine paillettes highlight the bodice. The skirt is draped in a recollection of the hobble skirt and the two-foot train breaks from just above the knees.

CHARM AND LURE IN PERFUME

Perfume and its fragrance is a potent force with two especially dominant actions. First, it is one of the primordial feminine lures, and, consequently, should not be categorized along with eye shadow and a new jewellery gadget. And, second, it is an extraordinary powerful memory stimulant. A mere pin-prick of fragrance, and forgotten moments pass through your mind.

Some of them rich and full of force, which you wonder how you ever forgot. Some a bit foolish which (unaccountably) your subconscious found worthy of note.

A perfume, sweet and soft, with a breath as warm as a midsummer's eve, or one of those wintry, carbonated, crystallized scents will bring a rush of memories... a parquet floor, reeling under a fast waltz... a little inn, way up in the hills.

Or, one of those infuriating, bewildering, atavistic odours, will give you that sense of "but I've done this before... I've been here before!" Thus proving perhaps, that imagination is merely the other end of memory.

NATURAL SCENT

Everyone has a natural fragrance, almost imperceptible to others, and quite unnoticeable to herself. But it is the natural scent, coupled with perfume, which gives you your personal fragrance. Select your perfume with introspection and the same disregard for price that you would show if you were buying personality over a counter.

Feel a little psychic about your perfume; regard it as an intimate, personal quality, rather than a compound which merely reacts on the nose... keep your bottles tightly sealed and away from the light. Don't overdo the application, on the grounds that you can no longer smell it. Remember that the little nerves of smell do not retain odour, as the eye sustains sight. Use your perfume imaginatively... on your eyebrows, the base of your throat, your finger-tips, your brow-line.

Never choose perfume because you like it on another woman. Never consider the bottle more than a gesture on the part of the perfumer to make his creation visual. Never recognize substitutes for perfume, for there are none.

USE IT
Once you have settled on your perfume, make it a part of the way you live. And use it! It is discouraging to see dressing-table owners, with a false sense of economy, use toilet-water as a substitute, unaware, apparently, that perfume and toilet-waters were never intended to serve the same purpose.

Use your perfume, and see that it emanates from your hands, your hair. It should always appear to be coming from under your skin. It should never have a radius of more than a foot.

Realise that fragrance is a potent, elemental force. But don't let that intimidate you... Civilization has gentled it down until it is acceptable even to the reticent. Marvel a little at a glass bottle that holds an essence of an intangible and realize, with a wise nod, that fragrance is a secondary kind of charm; a double-edged enchantment to be handled carefully; the subtlest, most manly-able, of your attractions.

THIS IS WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT PARIS!

Paris is not what it used to be these days, according to verbal reports; magazines and fashion sketches.

One goes oneself to market, one often bicycles and one needs pockets as well as bicycle bloomers.

Therefore, with this complete mix up in Parisian personalities the fashion designers are catering to their needs and demands.

Two new suits which have had publicity are from a famous French dressmaker. One suit of steel-grey has two pouch pockets on the jacket, a skirt slit open over tomato-red corduroy bloomers and with this combination, a tomato-red fedora crowns the head.

The second suit is an olive-green wool suit, with pouch pocket in the front of the jacket and a green slouch hat. This particular model

Round The Shops

No doubt the majority of shoppers about our city are at present snowed under with Christmas bills and have curtailed their hours in the shops and stores. Then, again, many of you find cold and chilly weather has come and it will continue until after Chinese New Year, and you are in need and searching for the inexpensive but smart and warm attire.

Maybe we can help you.

SWAGGER COATS

LANE, CRAWFORD is known for the tailored and smart sports coats. The cut, material and tailoring is always excellent, in fact, you can tell one of their coats a block away.

Now, they are showing new swagger coats in lovely "squashy" wools of bright colours including the favourites, black, navy and brown. The plaids, checks and pastel shades are unusual and distinctive. And the surprise is the price \$45 and upward.

MID-SEASON

The mid-season of the fashion year is always a trying time. Everyone is tired of the frocks they have been wearing since early winter and spring's fashions have not come into complete bloom. But MAYOS, in the Gloucester Arcade, has thought of this and ordered just a few models of good values at reasonable prices to help their clientele through these weeks.

Evening frocks, demure or sophisticated of lovely coloured crepes and satins are being shown besides the dressy afternoon frocks. These later models are quite chic enough for dining, dancing and theatering. The silks in the dresses have been well selected and are in flattering and new shades.

And don't forget to have a "look" at their novelty accessories. Maybe you need a lift to your soul or there is a birthday or anniversary this month?

WHOLESALE DISCOUNTS

RIVELLE, in the Gloucester Arcade, is staging a sale of her complete specialty stock with various reductions on select groups.

Costs and hats are reduced to half-price, which should be good news, now that the cold weather is here. The coats are in various categories of styling from the plain tailored models to the more dashing and exotic.

Evening and afternoon frocks have been marked down twenty per cent, from their original price. Maybe you are having mid-season difficulties and need a new formal gown, then don't forget to have an inspection here.

The many costume novelties are reduced to special prices. Novelty jewellery, gloves, neckware, blouses and many other gadgets are outstanding values.

Now Playing In Southern Waters

Many are the damsels playing in southern resorts these days and, at the same time, displaying previews of costumes for the coming spring and summer.

Culottes are back in the fashion picture and going over strong. The latest play suit, has culottes and a hooded halter, the latter is very new and so convenient.

White rubber crepe, darling of many ladies' hearts gives the poured-in swim suit effect. As a trim, animals or nature's beings band the centre front.

Pale blue rayon jersey and crepe are designed into a three-piece play suit. Blouse, front button skirt and a lumber jacket, short bolero is the new addition.

New beach dresses, in rayon stripes, cover the ladies from neck to wrists; the skirts are pleated or flared and short.

SINS OF FIGURE

The new princess swimming suits are welcomed by damsels with large hips. It is made of white cloque cotton crinkly as a bark and it conceals many sins of figure.

A dead white suit, simple and skirted of clinging rubberized fabric shows up that lovely sun-tan you can acquire.

Another outstanding swimming suit and welcomed by actually swimmers is a classic, skirted model. It has a square neck with low back and fits the figure like paper on the wall. The material is

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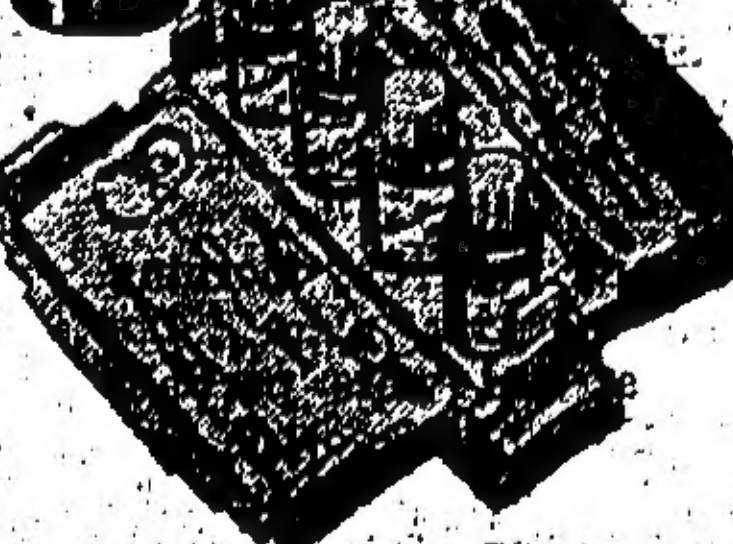
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a rubber silk and the new colour is wine-red.

A very new fad and one which is being made much use of is the evening bathing-suits. Yes, really, this costume designed from bright flowered silk has a halter bodice, shorts and long skirt. You dance

in the bodice and long skirt which is fitted at the waist and of wide circular width at the bottom.

And you swim in the halter and bathing-suits worn beneath. This is certainly a new innovation, but evidently the girls approve from reports as to sales and demands.

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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

BANKS

MONEY AND
EXCHANGE
CLOSING QUOTATIONS
JANUARY 11, 1940.

On London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 13/16	
Bank Bills on demand 1/2 13/16	
Credits 4 months sight 1/2 5/32	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand 290°	
On Singapore:—	
On demand 52 1/2	
On Japan:—	
On demand 103 1/4	
On India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer 82 1/8	
and demand	
On New York:—	
Bank Bills on demand 24 3/8	
Credits 60 days sight 23	
On Batavia:—	
On demand 45 3/8	
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills on demand 108 1/8	
Credits 4 months sight 114 1/4	
On Saigon:—	
On demand 108 1/4	
On Manila:—	
On demand 48 3/4	
On Bangkok:—	
On demand 180 1/4	
Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate 1/37 1/8	
Ba. Silver per oz. 92	

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Silver prices rose 1/8 yesterday for both deliveries, the quotations being 22 for Ready and 21.15/16 for Forward. Silver advances reported the market as being steady with a little general buying. American Silver was quoted at 34.3/4 for Spot.

The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York-London was quoted at 395.3/8.

Market
Sterling
Quietly steady. There was hardly anything doing.

Some business was reported at 1/2.15/16 for Cash during the early part of the morning. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 1/2.15/16 January 1/2.29/32 February-March and 1/2.7/8 April-May. Buyers at 1/2.31/32 Cash, 1/2.15/16 March, probably February and 1/2.29/32 May.

U.S. Dollars
There were sellers at 24.9/16 January and 24.7/16 February, buyers at 24.11/16 Cash, 24.5/8 January and 24.9/16 February.

Shanghai Dollars
At the opening there were sellers at 303 for Spot and at lunch time sellers were quoted at 307 for Spot.

Shanghai Market
Sterling opened with sellers for Spot at 4.55/64 and U.S. Dollars at 8. The market closed at Noon with sellers of Sterling for Spot at 4.27/32 and U.S. Dollars at 7.31/32.

Dull
Sterling
The market closed with sellers at 1/2.15/16 January, 1/2.29/32 February-March and 1/2.7/8 April-May, buyers at 1/2.31/32 Cash, 1/2.15/16 February-March and 1/2.29/32 May.

U.S. Dollars
The market closed with sellers at 24.9/16 January, 24.7/16 February, buyers at 24.11/16 Cash, 24.5/8 January and 24.9/16 February.

Shanghai Dollars
Sellers for Spot at 306, buyers at 308.

Shanghai Market
Sterling sellers for Spot at 4.27/32 and U.S. Dollars at 7.31/32 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange
Shanghai, Jan. 11 (Reuters)
Official T.T. Rates

London 0/4-1/2
New York 7-3/8
Japan 31-1/4
India 27-7/8
Paris 3.30
Hongkong 30-1/8

Sellers
Opening Closing
Spot 0/4-55/64 0/4-27/32
Jan. 0/4-27/32 0/4-53/64
Feb. 0/4-25/32 0/4-49/64

U.S. Dollars
Spot 57-31/32 57-31/32
Jan. 7-31/32 7-15/16
Feb. 7-13/16 7-13/16

Market—Quiet.
Merchant Rates
Sterling, 50/4-57/32
U.S. Dollars, 57-15/16
Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2.1/24.

The Equalisation rate was 16 1/2 per cent.

New York Exchange
New York, Jan. 11 (Reuters)
T.T. on London (Opening Rate).

3.95-7/8.

PAYNE & CO.

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HONGKONG

COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW
(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

SINGAPORE RUBBER		Previous		January 10		Closing		Change	
S P O T		Buyers		Buyers		Buyers		Buyers	
38-7/8	39-1/8	39	cts.	up	1/8	37-5/8	37-7/8	37-7/8	up 1/4
36-3/4	37	cts.	37	cts.	up 1/4				

The market was quiet.

LONDON RUBBER		Previous close		Today's close		Change	
S P O T		Buyer		Buyer		Buyer	
11-13/16	11-7/8	up	1/16	11-3/4	11-7/8	up	1/8
11-5/8	11-3/4	up	1/8	11-5/8	11-3/4	up	1/8

After ruling firm on covering demand, the market closed steady. NEW YORK COTTON: An opening demand from abroad was absorbed by further realizing. There was a slight reaction later, after which demand broadened, buying becoming quite general. Sales of print-cloth for the week reached 50,000 yards. The tendency of cotton prices appears to be irregularly higher.

NEW YORK RUBBER: Shipment offerings were light. Continued factory demand was evident. It seems that only very little incentive would be required for a further advance.

CHICAGO WHEAT: A better feeling is developing owing to reports of a large scale buying of Canadian wheat by the British government and a better milling demand.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 149.84; Today's close, 150.15; Change, up 31.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(By Courtesy of Messrs. Swan, Culbertson & Fritz and S. E. Levy & Company)

		Prev. To-day's				
		High	Low	Close	Close	Change
New York Cotton, Mar.	.....	11.12	11.05	11.10	11.12	.02 up
New York Rubber, Mar.	.....	19.69	19.55	19.50b	19.53b	.13 up
Chicago Wheat, May	.....	102 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	1 up
Chicago Corn, May	.....	58 1/2	57 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2	1 off
New York Hides, Mar.	.....	14.80	14.80	14.80	14.80	unch.
NEW YORK COTTON		Close	Opening	Closing		Change
January	.....	11.18 N	11.06b/18a	11.21/21		.03 up
March	.....	11.10/10	11.07/07	11.12/12		.02 up
May	.....	10.79/79	10.77/77	10.83/84		.04 up
July	.....	10.43/44	10.40/39	10.42/43		.01 off
July (New contract)	.....	10.65 N	10.61/61	10.63/63		.03 off
October ( " )	.....	9.97/97	9.93/94	9.97/97		unch.
December ( " )	.....	9.91 N	9.87/87	9.90 N		.01 off
Spot	.....	11.43 N		11.45 N		.03 up

Volume (in contract of 100 bales each) 59,400 bales

NOTE:—January cotton, last notice day: 17.1.40.

March	19.50b/55a	19.55/55	19.53b/55a	13	up
May	19.22/22	19.20/20	19.25/27	.03	up
July	18.83b/87a	18.85/88	18.89/89	.06	up
September	18.62/62	—	18.63b/68a	.01	up

Total sales for the day:—1,440 tons.

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CHICAGO WHEAT					
May	101½/101½	101½/102	102/102½	½	up
July	98½/98½	98½/98½	98½/99½	½	up

Tuesday's sales:—28,587,000 bushels.

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CHICAGO CORN					
May	58 1/2/58 1/2	57 1/2/57 1/2	58 1/2/58 1/2	1/2	off
July	59 1/2/59 1/2	—	58 1/2/58 1/2	1/2	off

July	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	up
September	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	up
WINNIPEG WHEAT					
May	86 1/2	86 1/2/87 1/2	87 1/2	1/2	up

July	87 1/2/87 1/2	—	88 1/2 A	7 up
NEW YORK HIDES				
March	14.80/81	14.70/80	14.80/80	unch.
June	15.10/10	15.00/14.92	15.06b/08a	.04 off
New York, Official	34-3/4	34-3/4		
NY-London Cross Rate	3.95-7/8	3.95-3/8		

LONDON METALS
EXCHANGE

London, Jan. 10 (Reuters).

TIN		buyers	sellers
Standard, Cash 248	248-1/2		
Standard, 3 months 246-3/4	247		

SILVER MARKET

LONDON SILVER

London, Jan. 10 (Reuters).

Silver: Little general buying. Sellers scarce. Market steady. In the afternoon, the market was quietly steady.

Spot, 22d.		Forward, 21-15/16d.
Ready	80-11	
Feb. 3 Settlement	81-00	
Mar. 4 Settlement	80-14	

New York, Jan. 10 (Reuter).																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																														
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BOMBAY SILVER		High	Low	Close	Change
January	17-1/2	17-1/2	17-1/2		
February	17-1/2	17-1/2	17-1/2		
March	17-1/2	17-1/2	17-1/2		

Indian Mint Silver		High	Low	Close	Change
Ready	80-11				
Feb. 3 Settlement	81-00				
Mar. 4 Settlement	80-14				

Calcutta Exchange		High	Low	Close	Change
Calcutta, Jan. 10 (Reuters)					
T.T. on Japan, 70-7/8					

India Rupee Paper		High	Low	Close	Change
Bombay, Jan. 10 (Reuters)					
Government 3 1/2 Rupee, 88-0-0 nominal					

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
QUOTATION

STOCKS		Last Sale	JAN. 11, 1940		Last Sale
		Jan. 10			Jan. 10
Adams Express	87	Kennecott Copper	37 1/2		
Allegheny Steel Co.	21	Lucky Foundry & Mac.	4 1/2		
Allied Stores	8 1/2	Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	50 1/2		
Allis Chalmers	39	Lockheed Aircraft	29 1/2		
Aluminum Ltd.	98	Loew's Inc.	35 1/2		
Amer. Can.	114 1/2	Mack Truck Inc.	27 1/2		
American Cyanamid B.	33	Martin, Glen L.	39		
Amer. & Foreign Power	24	McKesson & Robbins, pfd.	17 1/2		
Amer. & Foreign 97 pf.	27 1/2	Monsanto Chemical	108		
American Gas & Elec.	38 1/2	Montgomery Ward	53 1/2		
Amer. Locomotive	21 1/2	National Aviation	12 1/2		
Amer. Metals Co.	23 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	16 1/2		
Amer. Radiator	10 1/2	Nat. Distillers	24 1/2		
Amer. Rolling Mill	17	National Gypsum	11 1/2		
Amer. S'ing and R'ing Co.	51	National Lead	20 1/2		
Amer. Sugar Refining	20 1/2	Nat. Power & Light	8 1/2		
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	172 1/2	National Steel Corp.	71 1/2		
Amer. Tobacco "B"	89	Nat. Supply Corp.	9 1/2		
Amer. Waterworks	11 1/2	New York Central	17 1/2		
Anacosta Copper	29 1/2	Niagara Hudson Power	5 1/2		
Atchison, T. & S. Fe.	24	N. American Aviation	25 1/2		
Auburn Motors	24	North American Co.	23 1/2		
Baltimore & Ohio	6	Northern Pacific	8 1/2		
Barber Asphalt Co.	14 1/2	Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	63 1/2		
Barnsdall Oil	12 1/2	Pacific Gas & Elec.	33 1/2		
Bendix Aviation	29 1/2	Pacific Lighting	40 1/2		
Bethlehem Steel	79 1/2	Packard Motors	3 1/2		
Bliss & Co.	14 1/2	Paramount Pictures	7 1/2		
Boeing Airplane Co.	23 1/2	Pennsylvania R.R.	23 1/2		
Borg-Warner	24 1/2	Phelps-Dodge	38		
Biggs M'facturing	21 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	39 1/2		
Brooklyn-Manhattan Trans.	15	Pittsburg Coke & Iron	8 1/2		
Brooklyn-Manhattan "B"	51 1/2	Public Service of N.J.	41 1/2		
Canadian Pacific R'way.	5 1/2	Pullman Inc.	31		
Case J. I.	71 1/2	Pure Oil	9		
Celanese	28 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.	5 1/2		
Chesapeake & Ohio	41 1/2	Reading Company, Com.	15 1/2		
Chrysler Corp.	88	Reading Company, 1st pfd.	28 1/2		
Climax-Molybdenum Co.	36 1/2	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	44 1/2		
Colts Patent Fire-Arms	82 1/2	Republic Aviation Corp.	5 1/2		
Columbia Gas & El.	8 1/2	Republic Steel	22 1/2		
Columbia 8 1/2 "A" pf.	92 1/2	Revere Cop. & Brass Inc.	14 1/2		
Commercial Credit Co.	47 1/2	Reynold Tobac. "B"	40 1/2		
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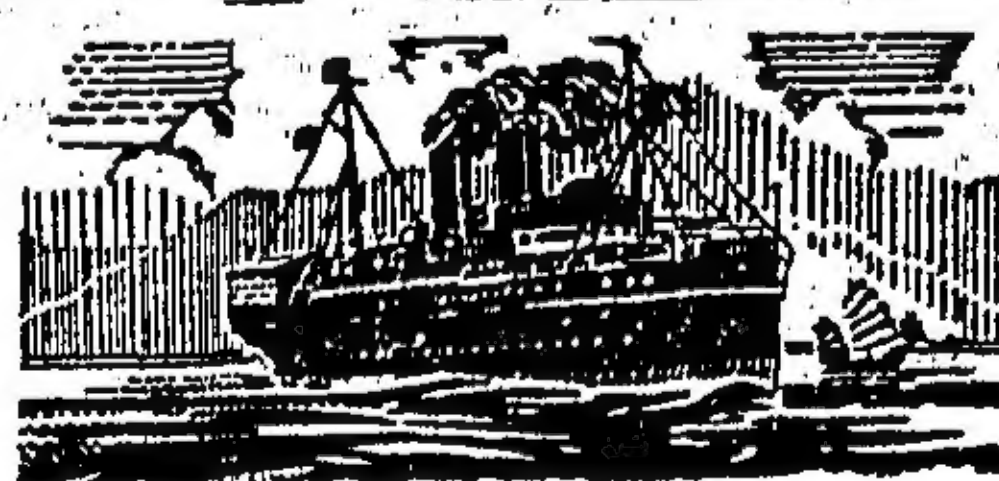
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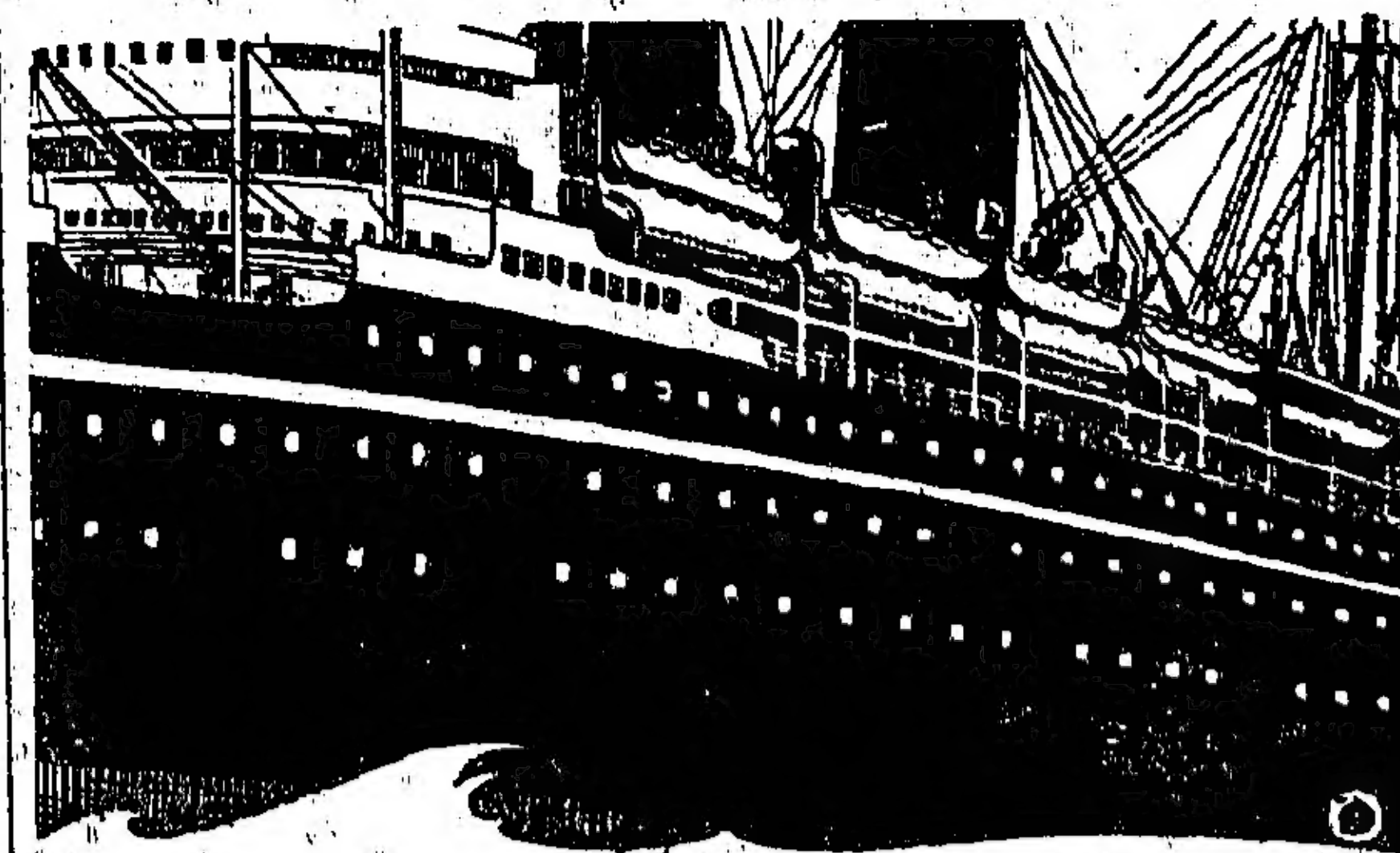
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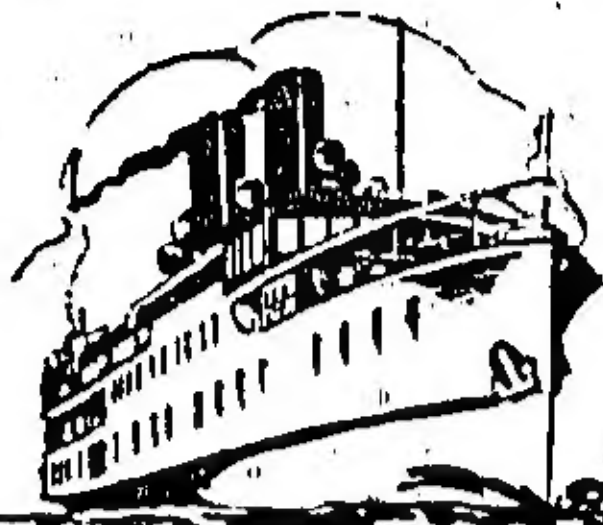
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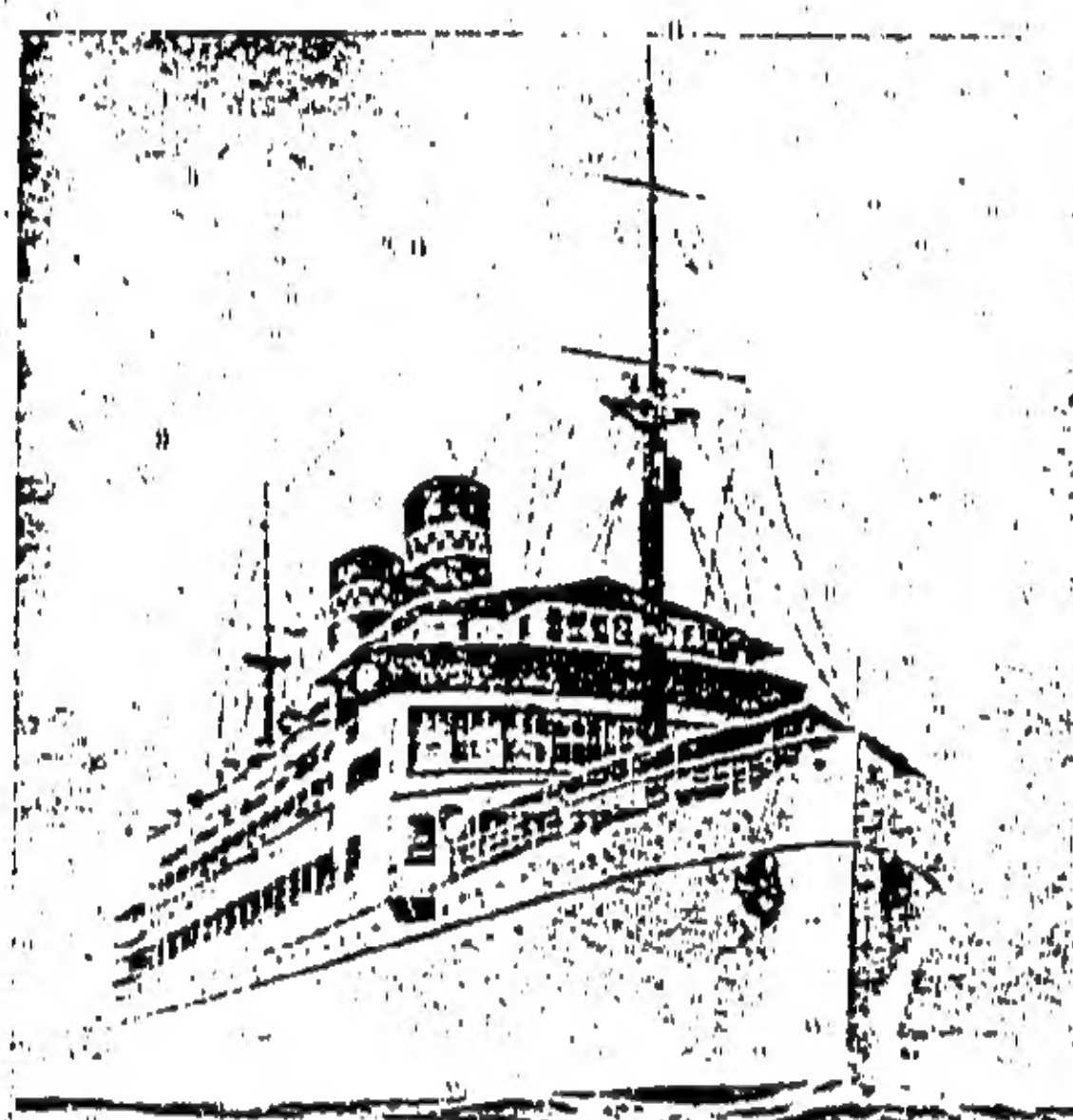


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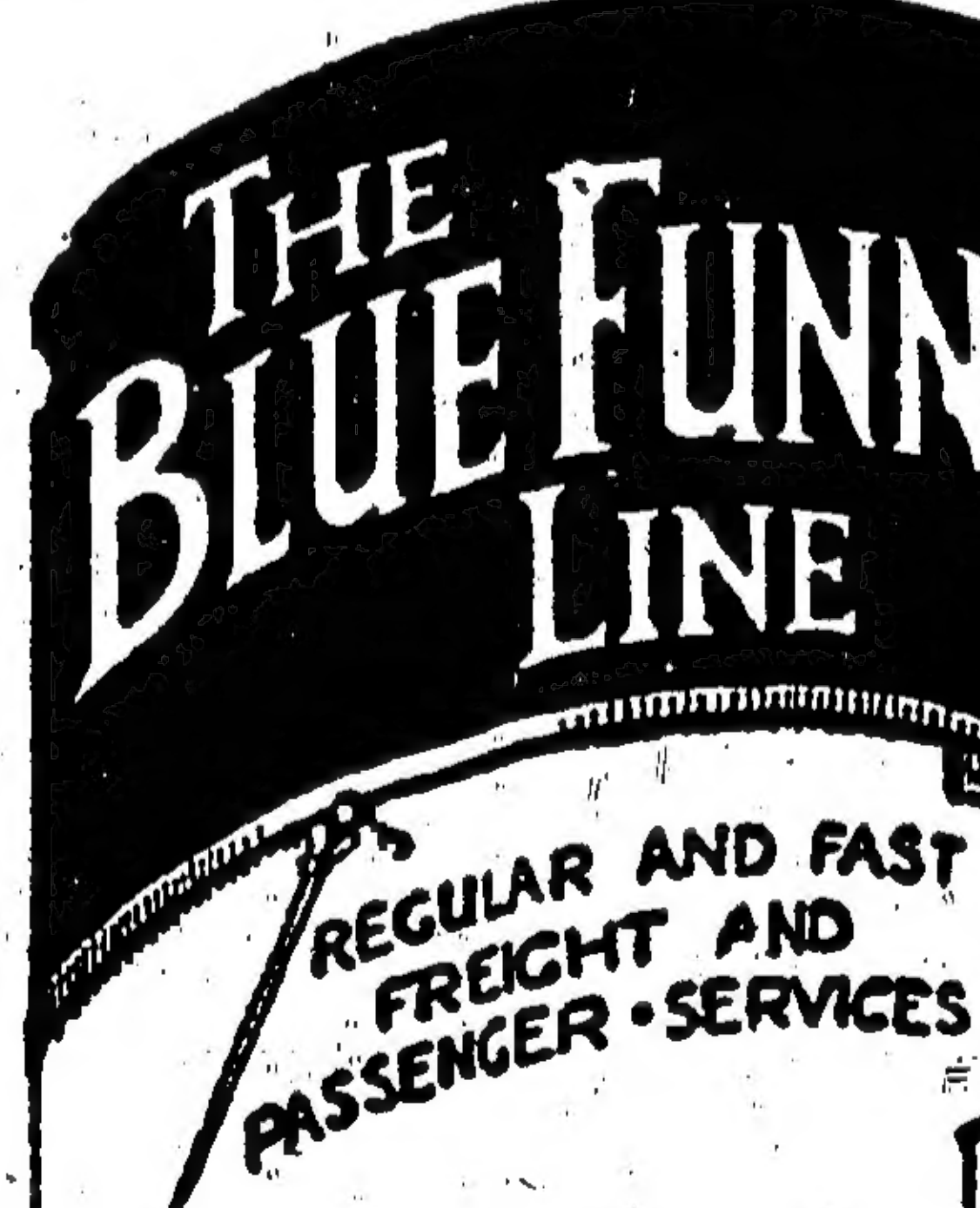
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JAPANESE & WANG CHING-WEI AS FAR AWAY AS EVER FROM REACHING FINAL AGGREEMENT

SHANGHAI, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—"The Japanese authorities and Wang Ching-wei are almost as far away as ever from reaching a final agreement, despite all the excitement that appeared in the press recently, Reuter's correspondent was told by an authoritative source connected with Wang Ching-wei's entourage.

He added: "The only new development that occurred in the negotiations has been that terms of the general agreement reached some three months ago have been drawn up into a formula and deliberately allowed to leak out in Japan—presumably for purely Japanese domestic reasons."

WANG'S FOOTHOLD

CHUNGKING, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—"The early establishment of a puppet regime in Canton by Wang Ching-wei is forecast by well-informed Chinese quarters here.

They claim that, despite the formation of the proposed Central Government of China under Wang Ching-wei by the Japanese, the Peking and Nanking regimes would remain more or less beyond the control of Wang Ching-wei who, therefore, must seek the establishment of his own foothold elsewhere.

Under present circumstances, Chinese circles state, Canton is only the logical place where Wang

Ching-wei is in a position to establish such a regime, particularly as he, and many of his followers, are from South China.

FAILURE OF DRIVE

It is alleged that the Japanese drive to the north from Canton along the railway towards Shinkwan was for the purpose of preparing the way for the establishment of a puppet regime in South China.

The failure of the Japanese drive, according to Chinese quarters, elected to affect these plans which are stated to have received a stiff blow in the recent visit to Chungking of Mr. Ku Meng-yu, well-known Kuomintang leader, who was formerly a close associate of Wang Ching-wei.

Mr. Ku Meng-yu, who flew to Chungking from Hongkong last month, is reported to have definitely declared his opposition to Wang Ching-wei's peace move.

Mr. Ku Meng-yu returned to Hongkong on Dec. 14 by air after successful conversations here with Government leaders.

National Economy Savings Certificates

RESUMPTION OF SALE TODAY

With the permission of the Hongkong Government, the local sale of National Economy Savings Certificates issued by the Chinese Postal Bank, which was suspended a fortnight ago, will be resumed today, says Central News.

The certificates will be on sale at most of the local branches of Chinese banks and a number of department stores. The local Oversea-Chinese Bank and the Shanghai and Commercial Savings Bank are the principal agents and will undertake the repayment of these certificates when due.

As required by the Hongkong Government, the certificates will be subject to stamp duty in accordance with the Stamp Ordinance. The stamp duty of 10 cents per certificate will be borne by the Chinese Postal Bank.

NEW FEATURE

A new feature of the certificates sold here is that they may now be repaid not only in the Colony, but at any of the post office in China. When first placed on sale here, the certificates were only repayable at office of sale as required by the Hongkong authorities. This restriction has now been lifted.

The certificates are of two classes, bearer and registered, and are in six denominations, namely, \$5, \$10, \$100, \$1,000, \$500 and \$1,000, all in Chinese currency.

Dr. S. Y. Liu, Director-General of the Chinese Postal Bank, officially expressed the Chinese Government's appreciation of the Hongkong Government's permission for resumption of the sale of the certificates in the Colony in a letter to the Government yesterday.

GRAF SPEE DEFEAT ECHO

LONDON, JAN. 11 (BWS).—It may be recalled that attempts were made by the propaganda authorities in Germany to explain away the defeat of the Graf Spee by alleging that the British cruisers used mustard gas. These allegations were denied at the time by the British Admiralty, which stated that no mustard gas grenades or shells had ever been made for or used by the Royal Navy.

THE REPORT

The document bears nine signatures and reads as follows: "After careful examination of all wounded and sick from the battleship Admiral Graf Spee, treated in the Military Hospital and in the Pasteur Hospital, the special Technical Commission appointed by the Director General of the Army Medical Corps declares that it has found not the slightest trace of the symptoms which could give rise to the suspicion that they had been affected by war gases."

NAZI INTERNEES RELEASED ON PAROLE

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—Of the 1,000 Germans interned in Tanganyika at the outbreak of war, 165 have been released on parole.

The men are not militarily efficient and of the women and children being repatriated, 300 have already left, and further parties will leave shortly. Those who cannot be repatriated or paroled will be kept in internment for the duration of the war.

"Our Man-made Future" was the subject of an address given by Mr. J. L. Hadaway at the weekly meeting of the Theosophical Society yesterday.

Washington Aims At The Abolition Of Lynching

Special to the H.K. Daily Press

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (Havas).—Aiming at the definite abolition of lynching, the House of Representatives yesterday voted a Bill by which different States will be held responsible for any lynchings in their territories and will pay indemnities to the families of lynch victims.

POLICE OFFICER ROBBED

Chief Inspector W. H. Nolloth, of the Shamshuipo Police Station, was the victim of a car-burglary on Wednesday afternoon, when his revolver, which was loaded with six bullets, was stolen. The thief also took away his wrist watch and \$12 in money.

The Bill is now awaiting the sanction of the Senate.

During heated debates, Congressmen accused the Republican sponsors in manoeuvring to "win over the negro votes."

It is pointed out that lynchings have steeply declined in recent years: 231 lynchings in 1922 against 20 in 1933, 8 in 1937 and only two in 1939.

3 JAPANESE CABINETS REVIEWED

SENIOR STATESMEN TAKEN TO TASK

TOKYO, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—In reviewing the records of the three cabinets, Prince Konoye, Baron Hiranuma and Gen. Abe, administrations which have been in office since the start of the Sino-Japanese hostilities, the Asahi takes to task senior statesmen for alleged failure to pay any attention to the formation of a powerful national cabinet "in the true sense of the term."

The paper urges them to strive to form a powerful cabinet with a firm determination this time.

An important development in the political situation is likely to occur on Jan. 14 or Jan. 15, according to the Nichi Nichi.

The paper reports that Gen. Abe has abandoned the plea of facing the Diet with a vigorous attitude in view of the unfavourable atmosphere prevailing in senior Army and political circles.

The Nichi Nichi reports that Gen. Abe may attend the Privy Council on Jan. 13 when a protocol extending the fishery modus vivendi between Japan and the Soviet will be taken up for discussion.

"Black List" Of Neutral Firms

SECRET TRADING WITH GERMANY

SPECIAL TO THE H.K. DAILY PRESS. LONDON, Jan. 11 (Havas).—The names of several neutral firms in China openly or secretly trading with Germany, are figuring, or will shortly figure, on the British "black list."

Such firms are at present endeavouring to form new business connections. They are especially interested in the South American markets.

At the same time they are trying to act as commission agents for purchasing or shipping Chinese goods on American account. These developments are likely to influence the situation of the Chinese export market since such firms are naturally offering the most suitable conditions.

ONLY DIRECT LINK

They hope for co-operation with Japanese enterprises since the only direct link existing between China and the east coast of South America is formed by Japanese liners.

At the same time, German firms have also tried to act as representatives of American firms but in many cases some of the German firms, which represented here American concerns before the war, have lost these representations as the result of war laws prohibiting British and French purchases from dealing with enemy firms.

Some of the German firms have also found "American companies" thus camouflaging the original ownership to enable British and French firms to deal with them.

NAZI AIR ATTACKS ON DEFENCELESS SHIPS

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter).—In connection with the attacks by German aircraft on unarmed merchantmen and defenceless fishing-boats, authoritative quarters pointed out that such methods of warfare "must make greater demands upon the conscience than upon the courage of the attackers and it is hard to believe that it can be anything but repugnant to the officers and men ordered to carry them out."

The Foreign Secretary and Lady Halifax gave a small farewell dinner party for the Brazilian Ambassador and Dona Gina Regis de Oliveira on Tuesday evening.

Mon. A. Apostolides, Greek Minister of Finance, and Mon. K. Varvaresos, Governor of the Bank of Greece, have arrived in London for commercial negotiations.

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Shanghai	12th Jan.
Canton	12th Jan.
Shanghai	12th Jan.
Sandakan	12th Jan.
Shanghai	12th Jan.
Japan and Shanghai	14th Jan.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 6th January.	15th Jan.
Shanghai and Amoy	16th Jan.
Haiphong and Hanoi	16th Jan.
Manila	16th Jan.
Straits and Manila	16th Jan.
Amoy	16th Jan.
Calcutta and Straits	16th Jan.
Saigon	16th Jan.
Shanghai	16th Jan.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date 10th January.	17th Jan.
Haiphong	17th Jan.
Straits	17th Jan.
Japan	17th Jan.
Shanghai	18th Jan.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 10th January.	18th Jan.
Air Mail by "Pan American Air-ways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 26th December.	18th Jan.
Straits and Saigon	18th Jan.
Australia and Manila	18th Jan.
U. S. A., Honolulu, and Japan (San Francisco, date 23rd December 1939).	18th Jan.
Bangkok, Saigon and Tourane	19th Jan.
Shanghai	20th Jan.
Shanghai	20th Jan.
Europe via Suez and Straits—(London date, 2nd Dec. 1939).	20th Jan.
Shanghai	20th Jan.
Straits	21st Jan.
Shanghai	21st Jan.
Calcutta, Straits and Saigon	21st Jan.
Shanghai and Amoy	21st Jan.
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Straits	23rd Jan.
U. S. A., Honolulu, Japan and Manila (San Francisco date, 4th January)	29th Jan.

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SUNDAY	
Canton	Sun. 14th 7.15 AM
Amoy and Parcels only for Shanghai	8.00 AM
Manila	8.00 AM
Parcels only for Tientsin	8.00 AM
MONDAY	
Shanghai	Mon. 15th 9.30 AM
Straits and Calcutta	Parcels 9.00 AM (Ord. 10.00 AM)
Haiphong	1.0 PM
Saigon, Madang, Salamaua, and Rabaul	3.30 PM
Canton	7.00 PM
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Shanghai and Japan	9.30 AM
Haiphong	10.00 AM
Fort Bayard	10.00 AM

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